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CHINA-PAK MILITARY AXIS DEEPENS AS PAK NAVY GETS HANGOR-CLASS SUB

The Pakistan Navy on Thursday commissioned its first Chinese-built submarine with state-of-the-art weapons and advanced sensors, in Sanya, China

EQUIPPED WITH AIR-INDEPENDENT PROPULSION

Pak President Asif Ali Zardari, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf and senior officials from the Pakistan Navy and China's People's Liberation Army were present on the occasion. Built on China's Type 039A design, the vessel is the lead unit of an eight-submarine programme. It is equipped with air-independent propulsion (AIP) and advanced sensors

AIP ON INDIAN SUBS TO BE READY BY YEAR-END

- AIP allows subs to remain underwater for extended periods without surfacing for atmospheric oxygen, enhancing the stealth feature
- The AIP feature gives Pakistan an edge as currently, India doesn't have AIP in any of its submarines. DRDO's indigenous fuel-cell based AIP system is expected to be ready for integration later this year | P11

80%

OF PAKISTAN'S ARMS IMPORTS ARE FROM CHINA, ACCORDING TO SIPRI

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Fast track nod for China FDI in seven sectors

Priority to manufacturing in critical sectors like rare earths, polysilicon and ingot wafer

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE government has identified seven critical sectors/manufacturing activities for faster approval of investments from China, a senior official told this newspaper.

These are capital goods, electronic capital goods, electronic components, polysilicon and ingot wafer, advanced battery components, rare earth permanent magnets, and rare earth processing.

Capital goods include plant machinery, heavy equipment or accessories required for manufacturing. Electronic capital goods mean equipment and machinery used for manufacturing lithium-ion battery, mobile phones etc. Electronic components include display module, camera module, printed circuit board, enclosures for mobile phones, etc. Polysilicon is the primary raw material used to produce silicon wafers. This is melted in a crucible to produce an ingot, which is a solid cylindrical or block-shaped mass of crystalline silicon.

More sectors could be added to this list, a document reviewed by this daily showed.

Under the amended Press Note 3 (PN3) framework, the Cabinet has introduced an expedited approval mechanism to clear investment proposals from countries sharing a land border with India (land-bordering countries or LBCs) in specified manufacturing sectors within 60 days. These are referred to as LBC investments. In March this year, the government eased restrictions on investments from neighbouring countries, including China, to encourage inflows into critical sectors.

The restrictions were originally introduced in 2020, at the peak of tensions between India and China.

600 proposals await govt approval

After India put FDI curbs through Press Note 3 in April 2020, investments from China dropped. According to DPIIT, nearly 600 investment proposals from China are awaiting approval. The amended PN3 is expected to clear the backlog and open up the investment flow into India

Investments to be cleared with caution

Officials said while India is open to investments from all countries, including China, it will proceed with caution. "We are keeping our eyes wide open. Safety and security are paramount. The government is willing to facilitate investments, but only with due diligence," said an official

Amend abortion law on rape, says SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday refused to hear a curative plea by AIIMS, Delhi regarding the medical termination of a 15-year-old rape survivor, as it asked the government to consider amending the law to permit rape survivors to terminate unwanted pregnancies even beyond 20 weeks.

"Unwanted pregnancy cannot be thrust on a person. Imagine, she is a child. She should be studying now. But we want to make her a mother. This is a case of child rape. Victim will have lifelong scar and trauma. It is now a fight between foetus vs child. Minor child cannot be forced to bear a pregnancy,.. Law needs to be organic and in sync with evolving times," said a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi.

The court asked Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for AIIMS, to speak to the parents of the victim and left it for them to decide whether or not to end the pregnancy.

The AIIMS had argued that since it's been 30-weeks of pregnancy, the foetus is now a viable life and termination would not be successful. "The child would be born with serious deformities, organ failures and even the minor victim would face lifelong issues, such as not even being able to go through another pregnancy," Bhati said.

But the CJI contended that "In cases of child rape, the choice to bear or terminate pregnancy should always be with the victim." He also urged the media to be extra sensitive while reporting this case.

The court exercised its extraordinary powers under Article 142 to override statutory time limits, and directed that the minor and her parents be provided comprehensive psychiatric and medical counselling to take the final call.

Another bench had on April 24 allowed the minor to terminate her pregnancy.

Contempt notice

The SC issued notice on a contempt petition alleging non-compliance by AIIMS of its order permitting medical termination of the minor's pregnancy. It directed health ministry principal secy, health dept secy and AIIMS director to appear via video conference on May 4

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Just 17% engineering grads in Karnataka employable: Report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ONLY 17 % of engineering graduates in Karnataka are getting employed, representing a staggering employability crisis, revealed a report submitted by the reforms committee on Karnataka Engineering Education Transformation.

The committee, set up by the higher education department and headed by Prof Sadagopan and other IIIT and IISc professors, made a detailed study on engineering education in Karnataka and suggested some major reforms. It submitted this detailed report to the higher education department recently.

The report mentioned some of the important reasons including mass unemployment among computer science graduates due to lack of employment opportunities, sharp decline in admissions to core or basic engineering branches (mechanical, civil and electrical), state engineering colleges that were once famous nationally and internationally seeing a decline in terms of quality, core branches ignoring cross domain reality and lack of competency among students, among other reasons. **CONTINUED ON: P4**

Cabinet approves ₹18Kcr township in Bidadi

Land owners will have the option of taking cash compensation or 9,693 sqft of developed residential plot against 1 acre

HK Patil, Law Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

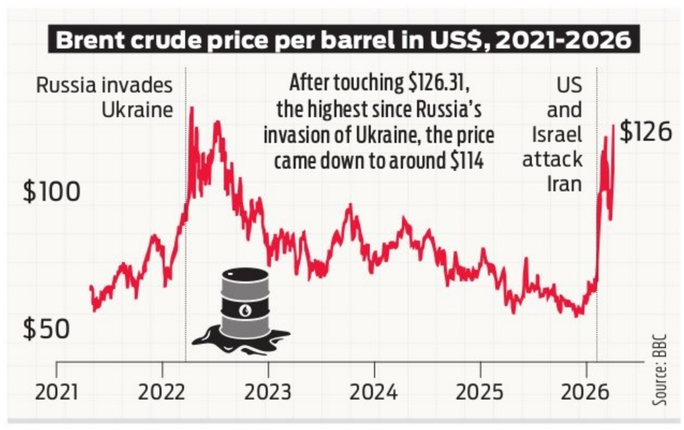
THE Karnataka cabinet on Thursday approved implementation of the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township Project (GBIT) over an area of about 7,481 acres and 21.08 guntas over nine villages in Bidadi hobli of Ramanagara taluk, in Bengaluru South district. The project is estimated to cost Rs 18,133crore.

The Finance department approved a bank guarantee against Rs 7,500crore to Greater Bengaluru Development Authority which is tasked with implementing the project, aimed at creating a sustainable 'work-live-play' environment acting as a second central business district (CBD) to reduce the strain on inner Bengaluru. Touted as DCM DK Shivakumar's pet project, it faced hiccups with Union minister HD Kumaraswamy opposing it, and a group of farmers holding protests.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah leaves Vidhana Soudha after the Cabinet meeting on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Briefing the press, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil informed that land owners will have the option of taking cash compensation or 9,693 sqft of developed residential plot against 1 acre. **P4**

Brent crude hits $126 as Don reviews war plan



AGENCIES @ Tehran / Washington

FRESH provocative statements from Iran and fears of renewed attack by the US caused oil prices to fluctuate on Thursday and surge toward their highest levels since the war with Iran began on February 28. Oil prices struck a four-year high on Thursday, with international benchmark Brent crude soaring over 7% to $126 a barrel, before easing in afternoon trading.

In a show of defiance against the US threats, Iran's supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei on Thursday said Tehran will now call the shots, claiming it has an upper hand in the crisis. In a written message broadcast through the state television, Khamenei said Iran would respond with "long and painful strikes" on US positions if Washington renewed attacks.

"We have already seen the fate of your bases in the region; we will also see your warships face the same," he added. He also reasserted Iran's control over the Strait of Hormuz, complicating US plans for a coalition to reopen the waterway.

According to news site Axios, Trump is expected to receive a briefing on new plans for potential military action in Iran from Admiral Brad Cooper, the head of US Central Command. Dropping hints that resumption of attacks against Iran was likely, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz warned that it was "possible that we may soon have to act again" against Iran to achieve the objectives. **P14**

DAY 62 | WAR WATCH

Haj fare up by $100 due to aviation fuel cost hike

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AMID strong opposition to a hefty airfare hike for Haj pilgrims following the spike in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices, the Centre on Thursday said it had scaled the fare down to an additional ₹10,000 per individual.

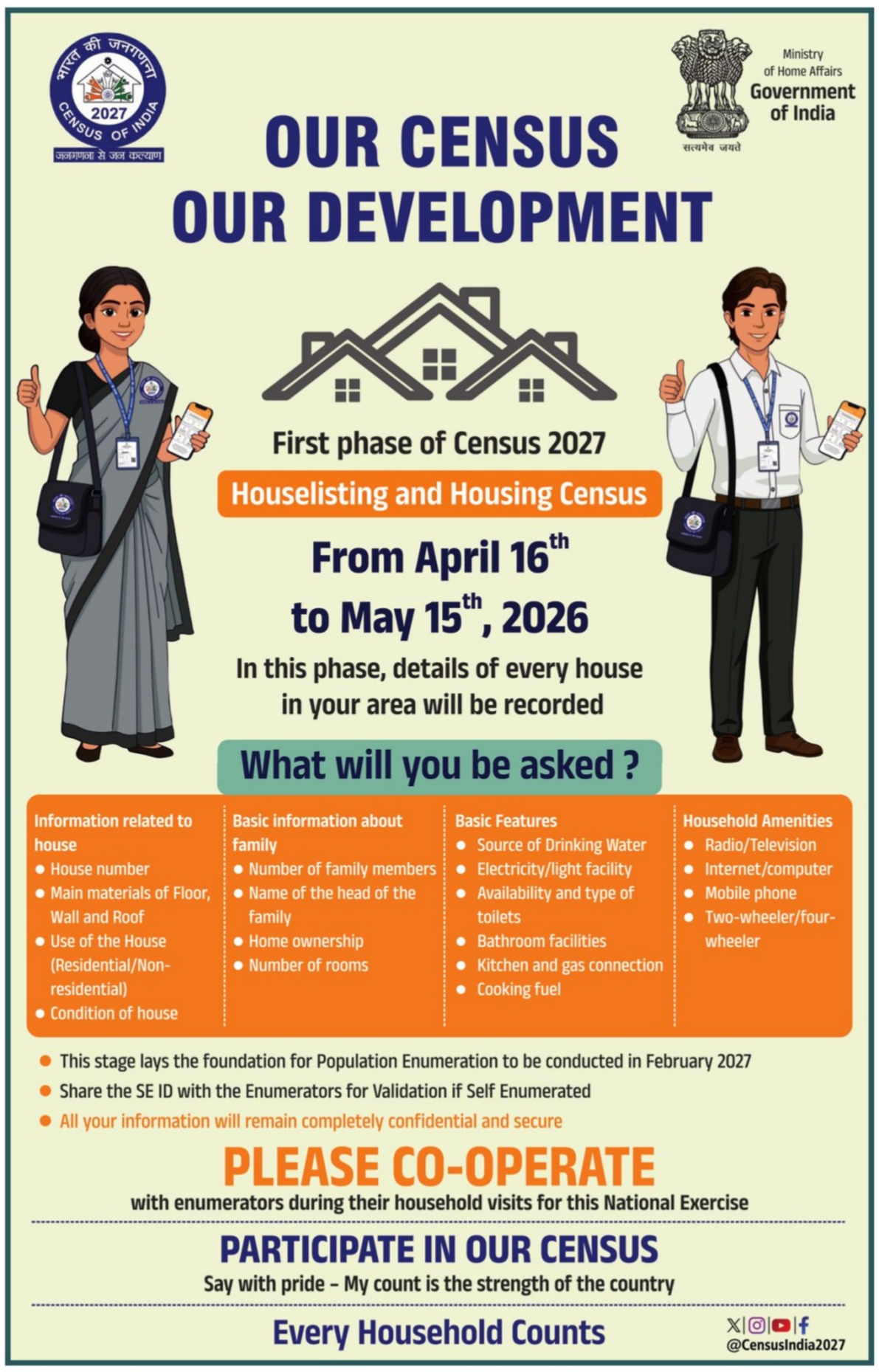
Union minister of minority affairs Kiren Rijiju said though airlines had sought $300-400 more per pilgrim, the government negotiated and settled it at $100.

The decision was taken transparently, in good faith, to ensure no disruption in the Haj operations this year, he added.

The proposed hike had drawn criticism from various quarters, including opposition leaders, who termed the increase as injustice to the community.

But the ministry said that it remains committed to making Haj accessible and affordable. "This is not exploitation. This is the government absorbing pressure and protecting pilgrims from a far larger burden. The circular is transparent, the process was lawful, and the decision was made in good faith to ensure Haj 2026 operations are not disrupted for over a lakh pilgrims already registered. Notably, private tour operators had already revised fares sharply and subsequently imposed a further increase of around $150," the ministry stated.

Demanding revocation of the circular, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said, "Are pilgrims being punished for going through the Haj Committee?"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Name of the head of the family
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Number of rooms
Basic Features
Source of Drinking Water
Electricity/light facility
Availability and type of toilets
Bathroom facilities
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EXPRESS READ

GBA extends 5% rebate on property tax till May 31

Bengaluru: The GBA has extended the 5% rebate on property tax for 2026-27 up to May 31. The payment must be made in a single installment either online via the property tax portal or at designated city corporation tax payment centres.

Safety audit of all govt hosp buildings, compound walls

Bengaluru: A day after seven people died in the compound wall collapse at Bowring Hospital, Medical Education Minister Dr Sharanprakash R Patil ordered a safety audit of all government hospital buildings and compound walls | **P2**

Confusion over CM post will be cleared soon, says Kharge

Kalaburagi: The Congress high command will soon clear confusion on the leadership issue, or give Chief Minister Siddaramaiah the green signal for a cabinet reshuffle, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge said on Thursday | **P4**

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WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 34°C

FORECAST: Showers late. Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 05.59 am | Sunset 06.34 pm | Moonrise 05.59 pm | Moonset 05.32 am

• 111 mm rainfall reveals inadequate measures as 10 lives are lost • Forest officials under GBA responsible for pruning trees were on census duty

AFTER THE STORM: HAVOC EXPOSES GBA'S WEAK LINKS

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), which claimed to have undertaken monsoon preparedness weeks in advance, stands exposed as hundreds of trees were uprooted, drains clogged, roads turned rivulets on Wednesday.

Due to heavy rains, 10 lives were lost. Ironically, corporation engineers under GBA are taking up desilting of drain only during rains and the GBA forest cell having only 15 staff has made the situation worse.

The forest officials under GBA responsible for pruning trees and responding to emergencies are also deployed on census duty.

According to Professor Inayatuallah M, Water Resource Expert from University Visvesvaraya College Of Engineering, what is lacking in GBA is a proper study of hydrology. "With rapid urbanisation, topography has changed, and the drainage system has been severely altered, resulting in floods, sinkholes and loss of lives. In Bengaluru, deaths due to man-made disaster is more compared to natural disaster," said Inayuthalla.

Ripping the GBA apart, urban expert Ashwin Mahesh said, the GBA's claim of monsoon preparedness is absolute rubbish. Their design to carry stormwater is wrong, footpath alignment is also wrong. "There is no third-party assessment for their claim on monsoon preparedness. They just go by their own self-certification every season, and the tragedy keeps striking."

"The flooding of low-lying areas and roads is due to bad design. The engineers must work on seepage of water, but they transport water to such vulnerable locations," said Mahesh.

While the GBA stated that engineers concerned have been asked to keep the drains clean, take up desilting, and prune trees in advance of the monsoon, Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor, Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, said, disaster preparedness in Bengaluru remains largely inadequate in practice.

"Frequent urban flooding highlights weak stormwater infrastructure, lake encroachments, and poor policy implementation. While policy frameworks exist, enforcement, infrastructure upgrades, and community-level readiness lag significantly. Without strengthening everyday governance capacity and accountability, meaningful disaster preparedness will remain elusive. Our city corporations do not yet have the capacity to even inspect every street at least once a week, to ensure compliances. We have neither manpower nor equipment assigned for these necessary governance tasks. In modern cities, this happens routinely. Until we fix this, we cannot be ready for anything out of the routine, like emergencies."

Workers replace an electric pole damaged by an uprooted tree behind ESI Hospital at Rajajinagar on Thursday | KEVIN NASHON

Measures by GBA for pre-monsoon preparation

- Desilting and rehabilitation works of primary and secondary storm water drains (SWD) should be undertaken on a war-footing.
- Construction of culverts at **31** important places under the NDRF grant.
- Installation of sluice gates at **127** places to control the water level in lakes.
- Construction of additional side drains and cross-drainage works.
- Installation of grates in key areas and silt traps at key areas.
- Mandatory implementation of the pre-monsoon desilting schedule.
- Deployment of special teams in highly sensitive areas.

Wednesday's rainfall and its impact on Bengaluru

The highest rainfall on Wednesday was recorded in Cottonpet, Binnipet, Sampangiramanagar, Shivajinagar and Subhash Nagar wards of Bengaluru Central Municipal Corporation at **92.00 mm**. The average rainfall here in 55 mm.

- A total of **226** trees have fallen, and **623** branches have broken in the GBA limits.
- **30** teams and four cranes deployed for the clearance work.
- **15** teams from the fire department, **4** from the SDRF and **10** private teams deployed from Wednesday onwards to respond to emergencies.
- Complaints received through telephone, helpline and Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) regarding water logging on roads in more than **62** areas across the city.
- Wall collapse in **3** areas, flooding into houses in **105** areas and damage to infrastructure in 1 area have been reported.

CM ORDERS PROBE, SEEKS REPORT IN 7 DAYS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has directed that a committee be constituted, headed by a retired chief engineer from the Public Works Department, to probe the wall collapse at Bowring Hospital in Bengaluru.

Mohan K, retired chief engineer, PWD, will chair the five-member committee comprising the superintendent engineer, Buildings division, KR Circle; superintendent engineer, Quality Assurance, KR Circle; assistant executive engineer, Design Branch, KR Circle, and assistant executive engineer, No. 1 Sub-Division, VV Towers. The committee will submit a report within seven days," the order read.

CM orders suspension of executive engineer

The CM also held a meeting with officials from the Urban Development Department, Greater Bengaluru Authority, Commissioners of five city corporations and other officials on Thursday and directed the Health Department to suspend its engineering division's Executive Engineer for allowing a huge amount of soil next to the compound wall that collapsed.

The CM questioned why soil was piled near the wall during the work even though the engineer knew that the wall would be damaged. He also asked the hospital chief why he did not take care of the soil that was being poured to damage the wall.

Anticipating that more potholes will open up following rains, along with the existing ones and the bad impact it has on traffic and safety of motorists, Siddaramaiah instructed immediate action to close potholes. "Necessary preparations should be made before the onset of monsoon rains," the CM said.

₹5L compensation paid to kin of deceased

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao stated that compensation cheques of Rs 5lakh were distributed on Thursday to the legal kin of the seven victims of the Bowring Hospital compound wall collapse on Wednesday evening. On the direction of CM Siddaramaiah, the nine injured persons are being treated at the government's expense. Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad and Commissioner K Harish Kumar conveyed their condolences to the families of the deceased after handing over the ex-gratia amount.

Don't allow street vendors to operate near any compound wall, says DKS

BENGALURU: Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday ordered GBA officials to remove all street vendors from footpaths near compound walls across the city. The DCM's order comes a day after seven people were crushed to death when a part of the compound wall of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital collapsed during heavy rains. "Standing instructions have been given to officials to identify all such areas," Shivakumar said. To a question if the accident took place because of the negligence of the officials, he said, "This accident should not have happened. At the moment, I will not say which officials' negligence it was. They had heaped soil next to the wall, and it might have collapsed under the pressure. I have told the officials that no vendors should be allowed to operate on this road either." The DCM said teams have been deployed to remove all weak trees and branches along all roads in the city. **ENS**

2 electrocuted in city; civic officials booked

Bengaluru: Raghu (30), a daily wage labourer died after coming into contact with a live wire near a BMTC bus stop in the JP Nagar police limits on Wednesday night. Based on a complaint filed by Raghu's sister, the police have registered a case of causing death by negligence against officials of GBA, BESCOM, and BMTC. The Shivajinagar police have registered a case for the death of a 17-year-old PU student, who was electrocuted while parking his bike on Wednesday evening following heavy rainfall. **ENS**

Police begin investigation into Bowring tragedy, register UDR

BENGALURU: A day after seven people died, including a child, when a portion of the compound wall at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital collapsed, the Commercial Street police have registered an Unnatural Death Report (UDR). The police have also barricaded Chandni Chowk Road, where the incident occurred, and prohibited street vendors from operating in the area. Usually, more than 30 street vendors set up stalls along the stretch. The police had a tough time managing the crowd gathering at the site, as well as regulating traffic on Thursday. The police registered the UDR following a complaint by Mohammed Hariz, a street vendor. Police said Scene of Crime Officers conducted an inspection at the site. Public Works Department officials have been asked to submit an assessment report, based on which further investigation will proceed and a final report will be filed, they said. **ENS**

A police vehicle stuck in a sinkhole that opened up near MS Building, close to Vidhana Soudha, following Wednesday's rain in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Minister orders safety audit of govt hospitals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after seven people were killed in the compound wall collapse at Bowring Hospital in Bengaluru, Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr. Sharanprakash R Patil on Thursday ordered a safety audit of all government hospital buildings and compound walls across Karnataka.

Visiting the accident site, the minister reviewed the situation with officials and medical officers and directed them to submit a detailed structural assessment report.

He said an inquiry into the incident is underway under the supervision of the Public Works Department (PWD) chief engineer, and further action will be taken based on the findings.

Patil said an expert team would inspect hospital infrastructure across the state, including major government hospitals in Bengaluru, to identify structural risks and prevent similar incidents.

Rain misery lays bare gig workers' risks, losses and lack of basic support

GAYATHRI M KURUP @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU'S sudden cloudburst on Wednesday brought the city to a standstill. For app-based delivery workers and service partners, the disruption translated into lost income, damaged vehicles and dangerous working conditions. Despite flooded roads, traffic jams and lack of proper shelter from rain, the gig workers remained outdoors, continuing deliveries and services despite the downpour.

Unlike salaried employees who can pause work or work from home, gig workers have no such choice. Delays in deliveries or service cancellations often attract penalties from app-based platforms, directly affecting their earnings.

Selvi, an app-based service partner, said she was caught in the rain while on her way to complete a booking and was unable to finish the service as the rain intensified and roads became waterlogged. "I informed both the customer and the company, but neither agreed to cancel the booking. They said I had to continue, otherwise there would be penalties. In the end, I lost the booking, my earnings and had to spend my savings repairing my vehicle due to flooding," she said.

Inayat Ali, president of Karnataka App-Based Workers Union, said the rains once again highlighted how vulnerable gig workers are. He said they are left stranded on roads during sudden weather changes with no shelters, rest spaces or emergency support from either the government or the aggregators. "When it rains, workers are forced to stand under flyovers, bus stops or wherever they find space. There is no designated shelter for them. Yet they are expected to continue deliveries, for their livelihood depends on it," he said.

He added that several delivery workers reported minor accidents, skidding and falling on slippery, waterlogged roads, while many also lost delivery products damaged in the rain. The union has urged the government and app-based companies to create emergency shelter spaces and introduce weather-based relief measures for workers.

Gig workers said the lack of support from platform companies has made the work increasingly unsustainable, especially during emergencies like sudden rains. With workers spending their own money on fuel, vehicle maintenance and repairs, many said their earnings often fall short of covering even basic costs. "We travel long distances and spend from our own pockets on fuel and maintenance, but the earnings are often not enough to recover those expenses. When something goes wrong, there is no support from the company," they said.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

01st May : Beltane's Blazing Flower Moon The May Day version of "ding-dong-ditch" traditionally involves leaving flowers by the front door anonymously. But back in the days of elaborate Beltane celebrations, the flowers were a more prominent theme, stacked into crowns and offered up by the armful. Bonfires blazed, wishes were wished, dances were danced and all of life surged toward summer.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A flower associated with Aries is the bold, blazing poppy. It's vivid and bright, though also linked to the dream world (just ask Dorothy and friends on their way to see the wizard.) It is dreaming and doing in a single bloom.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
A flower associated with Taurus is the lush, velvety rose. It's rich in scent and texture, long treasured for pleasure and devotion. It evokes the sensual, steady nature of Taurus, reminding you to savor what's good and let beauty linger.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
A flower associated with Gemini is the light, lively lavender. It's fragrant and airy, known to calm the mind while sparking clarity. It evokes Gemini's quicksilver curiosity, reminding you that connection and ideas flow best when there's space to breathe.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
A flower associated with Cancer is the soft, luminous white lily. It's tender yet striking, often tied to memory and care. It evokes Cancer's deep emotional world, reminding you that what is nurtured with feeling grows roots that last.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
A flower associated with Leo is the radiant, golden sunflower. It turns toward the light without hesitation, bold in its presence. It evokes Leo's warmth and confidence, reminding you that shining fully invites others to find their own light too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
A flower associated with Virgo is the delicate, precise chamomile. It's modest in appearance yet quietly powerful, known for its healing qualities. It evokes Virgo's thoughtful care, reminding you that small, attentive acts create a sense of well-being that spreads outward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
A flower associated with Libra is the balanced, graceful peony. It's full and symmetrical, admired for its beauty and harmony. It evokes Libra's love of elegance and connection, reminding you that true balance is something you cultivate with intention and care.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
A flower associated with Scorpio is the dark, intoxicating orchid. It's intricate and magnetic, drawing attention without asking. It evokes Scorpio's depth and intensity, reminding you that what is hidden often holds the most compelling kind of power.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
A flower associated with Sagittarius is the wild, wandering iris. It's vibrant and far-reaching, appearing in unexpected places. It evokes Sagittarius's love of exploration and meaning, reminding you that growth happens when you follow what calls you beyond the familiar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
A flower associated with Capricorn is the resilient, wintry hellebore. It blooms in the cold, pushing through frost when little else will. It evokes Capricorn's endurance and quiet strength, reminding you that true achievement often unfolds in seasons others overlook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
A flower associated with Aquarius is the unusual, electric bird of paradise. It's striking and unconventional, impossible to overlook. It evokes Aquarius's originality and vision, reminding you that standing apart often opens the way for something entirely new.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
A flower associated with Pisces is the dreamy, flowing water lily. It rests on the surface while rooted deep below. It evokes Pisces' imagination and empathy, reminding you that there is wisdom in drifting, feeling and trusting what moves beneath.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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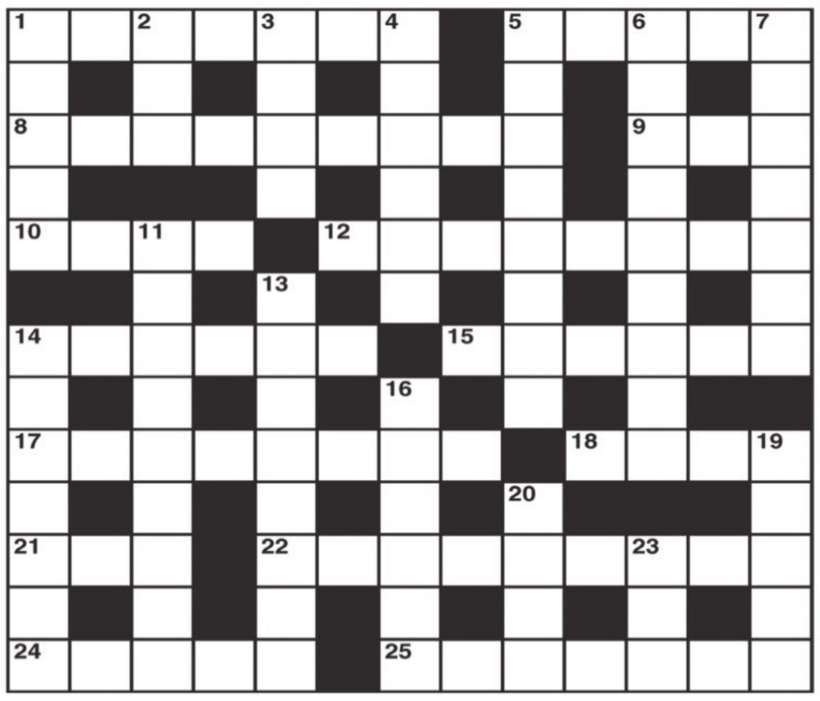

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ACROSS

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8 Like to be sure; so find out (9)
9 By way of a Roman road (3)
10 He starts to appear fruitless in the bank (4)
12 Condemn a stupid person holding one back (8)
14 Having a decayed property to rent out (6)
15 Official accepts untrue story in mitigation (6)
17 Capital turn of a Pierrot (8)
18 Plant or uproot (4)
21 A dance that's not French (3)
22 Ex-prime minister happy to put on weight (9)
24 Trees newly transplanted (5)
25 Media make a stand about false statement (7)

DOWN

1 Not in the mood a number curse (5)
2 Bird watcher occupied part (3)
3 Smoke perhaps or rid yourself of the habit (4)
4 Fuhrer as heard in German songs (6)
5 Inside a solitary fellow is a capital chap (8)
6 Sent to prison but not at once (5,4)
7 One of many carried by the caddy (3,4)
11 Lock in the experts; they only pretend to work (9)
13 The bogus arrangement asked for (8)
14 Decorate from top to bottom or bottom to top (7)
16 Decoration is needed in drab conversion (6)
19 Legal actions? (5)
20 It's a mixed drink (4)
23 Sash for some of the nobility (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Trappist, 5 Opts, 9 Paper, 10 Trainer, 11 Part-time work, 13 Action, 14 Potion, 17 Steeplechase, 20 Ordered, 21 Reaps, 22 Torn, 23 Reveille.

Down: 1 Type, 2 Asphalt, 3 Paratroopers, 4 Sits in, 6 Pinto, 7 Striking, 8 Makeno charge, 12 Passport, 15 Install, 16 Meddle, 18 Elder, 19 Isle.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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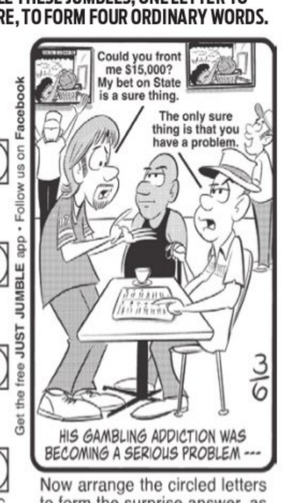
Could you front me $15,000? My bet on State is a sure thing.
The only sure thing is that you have a problem.
HIS GAMBLING ADDICTION WAS BECOMING A SERIOUS PROBLEM ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" - " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DRILL CABIN POLISH HUMBLE
Answer: The lawyer named William joked that everything he did resulted in — BILLABLE HOURS

A few documents, electrical and electronic items were damaged in the office of the Advocate General (AG) located in the Karnataka High Court premises due to heavy rain with thunderstorms and hailstones on Wednesday evening. The water entered the AG's chamber through the roof adjacent to the air conditioner duct

● NEARLY 100 FAMILIES LIVING IN 2 SLUMS FACE SEVERE HARDSHIP DURING MONSOON ● LOKAYUKTA SEEKS REPORT ON BOWRING WALL COLLAPSE

SLUM-DWELLERS GO SLEEPLESS, FEAR SEASON AHEAD

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FOLLOWING Wednesday's heavy downpour, slum-dwellers of Jolly Mohalla and Jai Bheem Nagar, near KR Market, spent a sleepless night as water gushed into their homes, and are seeking shelter. They say this is common every rainy season. "The government knows about this problem, but doesn't want to address it," allege residents.

Nearly 100 families living in the two slums face severe hardship during the monsoon.

Jagadeshwari (62), a street vendor from Jolly Mohalla, said five generations of their family have lived in the slum, after her grandfather migrated from Tamil Nadu to Bengaluru. "Our situation during the rainy season is very difficult due to the lack of toilets and proper sewage system. Following heavy rain on Wednesday, our houses were filled with water. We were unable to sleep inside and had to take shelter outside, while some went elsewhere," she said.

> **If someone dies in the slum, it is difficult to shift the body due to the narrow space. The houses are built on just 8x8 or 8x10 sqft. There is a high risk of infections.**
>
> Jagadeshwari, street vendor

She added that drainage water gushed into their homes, and it takes at least two days to clean up. "If someone dies in the slum, it is difficult to shift the body due to the narrow space. The houses are built on just 8x8 or 8x10 sqft." She pointed out that the slum has only one bathroom and two toilets, which are used by 48 families. "Women use these, while men use public toilets. There is a high risk of infections. Two years ago, a five-year-old girl, Kajol, is suspected to have died due to an infection," she added.

Vimala (22) said her two-month-old baby cried throughout the night following the rain. "I am scared to use the toilet as it may affect my child," she said, adding that a sheet fell on a 12-year-old boy's head during Wednesday's rain, leaving him injured.

Nikitha (25), a homemaker from Jai Bheem Nagar, said rainwater from the raja kaluve entered her house, soaking all their belongings. Another resident, Lalitha, said her family of seven, including five children, struggled the entire night to place sheets in the doorway to stop water from entering their houses.

Meanwhile, Manjula criticised politicians, saying they visit only during elections. "They give money and ask for votes but are nowhere to be seen during our difficult times. They are not aware of our situation," she said.

Bhuvaneshwari, a volunteer with ActionAid Association, said people in these slums bathe only two or three times a week due to lack of water. "There is no proper drinking water supply. Borewell water is available only twice a week, which residents have to store for daily use. The government has promises houses, but work has not started yet," she said.

A day after the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital wall collapsed due to heavy rains, the road has been barricaded | KEVIN NASHON

LOKAYUKTA TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST OFFICIALS

BENGALURU: Lokayukta Justice BS Patil and Upa Lokayuktas Justice KN Phaneendra and Justice B Veerappa on Thursday visited Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, where seven people died when a compound wall collapsed on them on Wednesday evening. Justice Patil said investigations revealed that the compound wall was weak, as it was constructed using cement hollow blocks. Dumping of a huge quantity of sand close to the compound wall led to its collapse. Stating that he has sought a comprehensive report on the reasons for the tragedy so that stringent action could be taken against those responsible for it, the Lokayukta directed the officials of GBA and other departments to launch an operation across the city to identify such weak structures and trees in public places. He said that he will initiate a suo motu case limited not just to the Bowring hospital incident, but across the state to prevent such tragedies in the future. The Lokayukta and the Upa Lokayuktas met those injured in the wall collapse and promised them that action will be initiated against the errant officials. The Lokayukta and the Upa Lokayuktas later visited the flooded underpass at KR Circle. They said action will be initiated against the officials of GBA for water logging. They directed the GBA to find a permanent solution to the problem. Summons will be issued to the officials responsible for such incidents and stern action taken against them after a thorough inquiry, Justice Patil said. **ENS**

Man dies after roof breaks, bricks fall on him

BENGALURU: A 35-year-old security guard who was lying on his bed on the second floor of his rented house, died when bricks placed on the roof collapsed on him. It is suspected that a heavy sheet, from the neighbouring building fell on his roof. The deceased, Manjunath, was a resident of Kasturba Nagar. Police said Manjunath's wife and son had gone to attend a function, and he was alone in the house when the incident occurred. It is suspected that when the sheet fell on his house, the roofing sheet broke due to the impact, and the bricks placed on it collapsed on him, leading to his death. A neighbour saw the collapsed portion of the house and alerted police and Manjunath's wife. Chamarajpet police added that a case under Section 106 (causing death by negligence) of BNS was registered against the owner of the neighbouring property, following a complaint by Manjunath's wife. **ENS**

Dream vacation turns tragic for 2 women from Kerala

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WHAT began as a long-awaited dream to travel in a flight ended in tragedy for Latha (57) and Smitha (47), two associates of Kudumbashree, a women-led self-help group in Kerala. The duo lost their lives in the rain-triggered compound wall collapse near Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in the city on Wednesday evening.

The duo was part of a 56-member group, travelling from Kerala, on a short vacation to Bengaluru and Mysuru. The trip marked the group's first experience travelling by flight, something many of them had been looking forward to for years and were planning for months.

The group was scheduled to spend Wednesday in Bengaluru, and then visit Mysuru and back to Kerala the next day. After sightseeing in the city, they went shopping at Commercial Street and planned to regroup at Shivajinagar by evening.

As heavy rain lashed the city, several members took shelter near Bowring Hospital. Within moments, the compound wall collapsed, killing Latha and Smitha on the spot and injuring three others. The injured are currently undergoing treatment at Bowring Hospital, with their family members by their side.

"Everything happened so fast. We started receiving calls saying our people were caught in the tragedy, but none of us imagined that a short vacation would end like this," said Ajith P, district programme manager of Kudumbashree in Ernakulam district.

Both Latha and Smitha were the primary earning members of their families. Smitha is survived by her husband, a daily wage worker, and three daughters, while Latha is survived by her brother.

Their bodies were taken back to Kerala. The remaining members of the group have returned back to Kerala safely.

FOCUS FEATURE

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Grand Inauguration of Gunjur Branch, Bengaluru Zone, Bank of India

We are pleased to announce that the newly established Gunjur Branch of the Bengaluru Zone, Bank of India, was formally inaugurated on 27 April 2026 by the Honorable Zonal Manager, Mrs. Anita Ramesh Nair, along with Chief Guest Mr. Suresh G. M. (Platinum Customer), in the esteemed presence of Mr. Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Zonal Manager, Bengaluru Zone.

This occasion marked a historic and memorable moment for us. We were further honored by the gracious presence of Mrs. Nisha Aneja, Assistant General Manager, SMECC Bengaluru; Mr. Ashutosh Sahu, President, BOI Officers' Association; Mr. Vinod P. V., General Secretary, Award Staff Association; Mr. Satya Narayan T. N., General Secretary, OBC Welfare Association; Mr. B. Krishna, President, SC/ST/OBC Welfare Association; along with our esteemed customers, whose presence added great value to the event.

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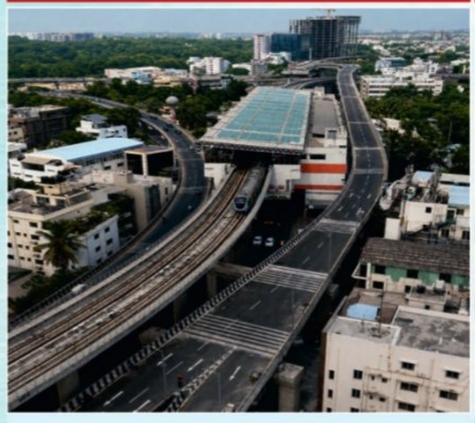
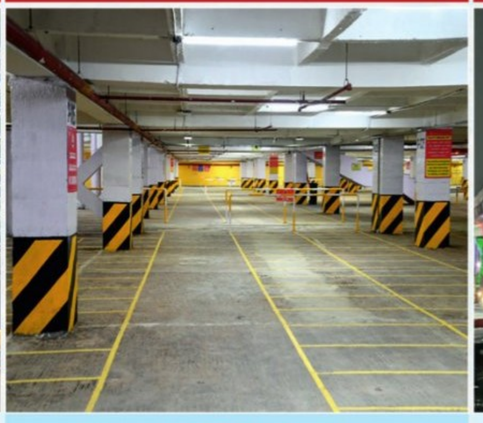
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
& Bengaluru City Development Minister

The Foundation Stone Laying and Inauguration of Development works by the GBA and BMRCL

by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Bengaluru City Development Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar

Date: 01.05.2026, Friday

Ragigudda - Central Silk Board Rail-cum-double-decker road flyover	Skywalk Construction work at Banashankari Junction	Inauguration of Commercial Complex and Multi-storey Car Parking in Gandhi Bazaar	Inauguration of the Vehicle Parking Complex on the ground floor of K.R. Market building	Inauguration of Dynamic lighting system on Metro Pillars
				
at 3.30 p.m. H.S.R. LAYOUT - Ramp Entrance	at. 4.15 p.m. BMTC Bus Stand, Banashankari	at 5.00 p.m. Gandhi Bazaar Road	at 5.45 p.m. K.R. Market	at 6.45 p.m. M.G. Road Metro Station
• Total Cost **Rs. 499 crores** • 5.12 kms Length • Signal Free Corridor	• A Captivating Model of the Banashankari Skywalk • Facilitate pedestrian and vehicle traffic	• Cost : **Rs. 22 Crores** • 6-storey Commercial Complex • Multi-storey Parking Facility • 51 shops and 24x7 parking facility for 128 LMV four wheelers	• **10,000 sq m** Area • 24x7 parking facility for 200 cars and 400 two-wheelers • Separate parking arrangements for women, senior citizens and the specially abled • Real-time parking information through digital displays, web portals and mobile apps	• Total Cost : **Rs. 3.08 Crores** • Beautification of M.G. Road metro pillars • In the first phase, between Trinity and Anil Kumble Circle on M.G. Road • 160 metro pillars in next phases

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As is enshrined in our constitution "to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture" - is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday said India's universities must move from a degree-first model to one driven by competency, research and innovation, in line with the vision of the National Education Policy. He was speaking after inaugurating the newly built blocks at Chanakya University in Bengaluru

CABINET NOD TO ₹600CR FOR MINORITIES' COLONIES

Most backward colonies, including slums under 11 corporations across state, to be developed under CM's special package

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THE state cabinet on Thursday approved an action plan of Rs 600 crore for the development of colonies populated by minorities for the financial years 2026-27 and 2027-28 and implementation of the work.

Under the Minorities Welfare, Hajj and Waqf Department, the most backward colonies populated by minorities, including slums under eleven city corporations across the state, will be developed under the CM's special development package.

The Finance Department has approved the proposal of the minister concerned for which the cabinet has given its go ahead.

To a query on approval being given for two financial years at one go, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil clarified that the work which were not completed in the previous years naturally get carried to the next financial year.

"We have approved the action plan as all the proposals have come for Rs 600 crore. Will they sit overnight and make an action plan immediately after the Davangere South elections?" he hit back when asked whether the move is to appease Muslims who were distressed over the turn of events.

Ministers MB Patil and Priyank Kharge leave after the cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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> H K Patil, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister

He added that the exercise on an action plan has started from the beginning which eventually came to the cabinet for approval.

On the Supreme Court asking the state to file a report on re-investigating the Sowjanya murder case following her mother's plea, the minister said, "We will submit the report if the Supreme Court asked us to submit it."

SEP next meeting

The cabinet decided to take up a thorough discussion of the State Education Policy (SEP) in the next meeting as certain information has been sought from officials. The committee headed by economist Prof Sukhadeo Thorat had given certain recommendations, including financial implications for the state on adopting SEP.

Fresh internal quota order soon

Bengaluru: The cabinet on Thursday decided to withdraw its April 27 order on internal reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and issue a fresh order with some modifications, with regard to the roster for recruitment and also for education. All notifications issued without adapting the internal quota will be withdrawn. The roster points will be fixed at 400 for Category A SC-Left, B SC-Right and C for Bhovi, Lambani, Koracha, Korama and other 59 nomadic castes, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil said. Under C category, the nomadic castes will get 20 per cent quota. If no one from these castes is eligible, others can claim the posts. In recruitment, if there are less than three vacancies, all three categories have to fight for the same under SC general. The cabinet also discussed minister D Sudhakar being hospitalised for some time, and rumours surrounding his health. It decided to let the ministers' family take a call on any announcements on his health, sources said. ENS

OTHER CABINET DECISIONS

- Approval to Centre's High Speed Rail Corridor between Hyderabad and Bengaluru on a stretch of 607.03km with 15 stations, of which 101.03km is under Karnataka -- Tumakuru-Chikkaballapur-Bengaluru Rural with stations at Alipur, Devanahalli and Kodihalli. Approval also given for Bengaluru-Chennai corridor
- Approval given to 140 acres of land in Bengaluru Signature Business Park on lease-and-sale basis to Apride Materials Incorporated, California, for setting up a state-of-the-art semiconductor and R&D and innovation ecosystem; total project cost is Rs 780 crore
- Financial incentive of Rs 28.47 crore per year approved in the form of VGF (Validity Gap Fund) for management of air services, to Ghodawat Enterprises Pvt Ltd. (Star Airlines), on Bengaluru-Bidar-Bengaluru and Bengaluru-Kalaburagi-Bengaluru routes
- School kits containing stationery and books to be distributed to construction workers' children from Classes 1 to 12, at an estimated cost of Rs 115.84 crore; each kit costs Rs 8,625
- Constitution of State High Powered Steering Committee and State Level Technical Committee for management and monitoring of programmes to be implemented using Urban Challenge Fund of Government of India
- Re-asphalting works from State Highway-22 to Chinamalli State Highway-171 (in select parts) at Rs 28.97 crore
- Revised estimate to construct the DC's office in Belagavi at Rs 75 crore with approval of Rs 20 crore additional grants
- Rejects Karnataka Lokayukta's recommendation for a probe against Dr Ashok Kumar Rai, Administrative Medical Officer, Puttur taluk, Dakshina Kannada district, allowing only departmental enquiry
- Handing over 12.04 acres in Dasanapura hobli for establishment of a satellite market

POWER TUSSLE

Confusion over CM post will be over soon: Kharge

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

THE Congress high command will soon clear confusion on the leadership issue, or give CM Siddaramaiah the green signal to continue in the chief minister's post with a cabinet reshuffle, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge who is also leader of opposition in the Rajya Sabha, said here on Thursday.

Speaking to the media at his residence, Kharge did not elaborate in how many days the confusion will be cleared. He said Congress leaders have met him and general secretary KC Venugopal, and expressed their feelings about Karnataka politics. Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, former AICC chief Sonia Gandhi and he (Kharge) will discuss the matter at the appropriate time and take a decision, he added.

When his attention was drawn to Home Minister G Parameshwara's statement that he would welcome Mallikarjun Kharge as chief minister, he said the matter is out of question as the chief minister's chair is not vacant. "Parameshwara will welcome, you people will welcome and others may also welcome, but Sonia Gandhi will decide such matters," he said.

Kharge expressed grief over the death of 10 persons in rain-related incidents in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Civic authorities should take care of roadside hawkers and provide them a proper place for their business in all urban centres, he said.

Matter left to high command, says DKS

Bengaluru: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar clarified that there was no confusion in the party. "There is no confusion at all. For anything, you ask (AICC president) Mallikarjun Kharge. I will not give any response on the matter of a leadership change. This is a matter left to the party high command — they will decide," the DyCM said, responding to a question on Kharge's remarks that the confusion will be cleared soon. ENS

ASSEMBLY POLLS

Cong sure calculations will come true: Kharge

Kalaburagi: AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Thursday that though exit poll results are out, the Congress is confident that its calculations will come true. Kharge told reporters here that as per his and Congress party's calculations, DMK will retain power in Tamil Nadu. Most exit polls made similar predictions. In Kerala, UDF to which Congress belongs, will come to power this time, Kharge predicted. He said the Congress will improve its tally in Assam and Pondicherry. Referring to West Bengal, Kharge said though exit poll results are confusing, as per his calculation, TMC will retain power there. BJP made all efforts, including threatening voters, to win elections in West Bengal, he alleged. "Let us wait for four more days when the results will be declared," Kharge said. ENS

BJP will form govts in WB, Assam: Pradhan

Bengaluru: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan expressed confidence that the BJP will form governments in West Bengal and Assam. Pradhan said people will give the party a chance to serve for the third time in Assam, and this time, a nationalist government will be formed in Bengal. People in Bengal have reposed faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said. The BJP leader said the NDA government will come to power in Puducherry, while developments in Tamil Nadu will be favourable. The BJP will emerge as a major force in Kerala, he said while speaking to reporters after visiting Shri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, on the occasion of Narasimha Jayanti. Later in the day, he participated in a programme at Chanakya University in Bengaluru. ENS

DKS: Work on Yettinahole project to resume this week

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DEPUTY Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Thursday said the work on the Yettinahole project would resume this week. "The Central Environment Department has directed that a payment of Rs 257 crore, including penalties and a mitigation plan, must be made. I have instructed officials to make this payment today (Thursday) itself. We have directed the contractors to begin work on Yettinahole before the end of this week," he told reporters after holding a meeting with legislators and senior officers to discuss irrigation projects.

The DyCM said steps will be taken to conduct a survey for land acquisition in Tumakuru region, and water will be brought to Chikkaballapur and Kolar as soon as possible. The Central Environment Department had returned the file for the Yettinahole project with certain conditions. Alternative land is being transferred from the Revenue Department to the Forest Department. About 10% of the land transfer is still pending, and that process will be completed within the next week, he said. Shivakumar said he had met with Union ministers to discuss the implementation of the Yettinahole project and accepted their conditions.

On the Mekedatu reservoir project, the DyCM said the detailed project report is ready and will be submitted before the committee. "We have revised the cost estimates once again. We need to provide around 5,300 acres of land to the Forest Department. This will also be discussed with the Revenue Department," Shivakumar said.

CM PAYS A CALL

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inquires about the health of Shakuntala Hegde, wife of former Karnataka chief minister late Ramakrishna Hegde, at her residence in Sadashivanagar on Thursday | EXPRESS

CM changes state intel chief to send out message?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

AMID speculations over the leadership tussle in the Karnataka Congress government, the change in the state intelligence chief is being interpreted in political circles as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sending out a strong message that he will continue at the helm of affairs.

Central Range IGP Labhu Ram was appointed IGP Intelligence, replacing ADGP Ravi S, on Wednesday.

According to sources, the CM was not happy as "intelligence failure" on certain occasions, both on the law and order and the political front. In February, a massive protest was held in Dharwad demanding that the government take steps to fill vacancies during which they had burnt posters and banners of Siddaramaiah.

Siddaramaiah was also not happy that he was not apprised properly about the going ons of the Shivakumar camp, according to a source. He had no information on their meetings and some of them also visiting the party high command in Delhi.

In three years of his tenure, the CM had four IPS officers, including K V Sharath Chandra and Hemanth Nimbalkar, in the critical post. The alleged MUDA scam was the biggest set back to him for which he had also blamed it on the state intelligence's failure to keep a tab on his rivals within the party and outside.

Any CM having four officers as state intelligence chief is a record in Karnataka which apparently indicated a trust deficiency, observed political analysts.

SHORTFALL OF PROFESSIONALS IN AEROSPACE, DEFENCE

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FURTHERMORE, it states that India's semiconductor sector faces a projected talent deficit of 2.50 lakh to 3 lakh professionals by 2027. The state level gap is estimated at 10,000-15,000 professionals. Likewise, there is a shortfall of professionals in aerospace and defence -4,500 to 8,500, electric vehicles-6,000-11,000, clean energy -5,000-9,000, biomedical devices-2,200-4,200, etc and these gaps can never be filled by the Computer Science or IT graduates.

Recommends to form KEERA

The committee has suggested forming the Karnataka Engineering Education Reforms Authority (KEERA) which will include engineering data that serves as the backbone.

Minister for Higher Education, Dr MC Sudhakar, said, "A separate Act must be passed to form this Authority and we will start preparing for it soon. It will be through this Authority, various changes in the curriculum in engineering streams will be made phase wise."

Further, it suggests the government as well as private universities to introduce CORE + AI Framework, which is three interlocking pillars. In Pillar 1, Mechanics first, AI Augmented curriculum: It includes governing equations and physical reasoning first and embedding AI/ML across all the eight semesters. In Pillar 2: Product focused, test to failure pedagogy: Every semester includes a 14 week design-build- test-fail-iterate cycle. In Pillar 3: Enrollment revival: differential tuition subsidies, industry driven grassroots STEM programmes, internship stipends, placement consortium guaranteeing 3+ interviews and a statewide 'Built in Karnataka' campaign.

The Committee also recommended limiting the student quota sanction at the beginning of any private university/ private engineering college to 60 admissions for a particular course/department. Furthermore, an increase of 60 students per year will be allowed and limited to a maximum of 180 seats for the initial four-year period.

Private universities and private engineering colleges can increase the admissions by 60 per annum only if the course/department is accredited by the National Accreditation Board (NBA). Along with NBA accreditation, private universities should also obtain NAAC accreditation. In no case should the total student strength of the course/department exceed 300.

Private universities and engineering colleges cannot start more than five computer related courses/departments at any one time. The total student strength of all computer related departments should not exceed 900.

The same conditions are applicable to all courses/departments of Engineering/Technology programs. Existing private universities and private engineering colleges with more than 300 admissions in a particular course/department shall also have to obtain NBA recognition for the courses/departments within a period of two years from the date of publication of the said rules. Failure to do so will result in seats being cut as per the rules by the Higher Education Department.

These rules will also apply to the deemed to be universities across the state.

₹20-cr bridge linking K'taka-Kerala villages to open markets, ease commute

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

FOR decades, two neighbouring villages separated by the Shiriya river have lived with a paradox of proximity and distance. As the crow flies, Manila and Perla are barely 7 km apart. But by road, the journey stretches to nearly 27 km, forcing residents to take a long, winding route through multiple villages to stay connected. That disconnect may soon be history.

In a move expected to transform local mobility and revive deep-rooted social ties, the Karnataka government has approved Rs 20 crore for the construction of a bridge across the Shiriya River, which forms the natural boundary between Karnataka and Kerala. The proposed structure, 80 metres long and 10 metres wide, will link Kamajalu in Manila village in Dakshina Kannada with Poovanadka in Perla of Kasaragod, drastically cutting travel time and distance.

For residents on both sides, the bridge is more than just an infrastructure project-it is an emotional lifeline.

"This has been a long-pending demand," said GK Bhat, an elderly farmer from Manila. "Our villages share strong matrimonial and cultural ties. Priests from Poovanadka regularly come here for rituals, and many women married into families here have their parental homes in Perla. Yet, visiting each other has always been difficult due to the long route. This bridge will finally bring us closer."

Satellite image showing 'U' shaped inter-state border and proposed bridge site

Currently, commuters must navigate a 'U'-shaped road passing through Peruvai, Kuddupadavu, Adyanadka, and Saradka to travel between the two villages. The proposed bridge is expected to reduce the distance to just 6-7 kilometres, offering a direct and efficient connection.

Beyond social ties, the project is also expected to provide a significant economic boost to the region. Farmers, particularly rubber growers in and around Manila, stand to benefit from easier access to markets in Kerala, where major traders are based. Improved connectivity is likely to enhance trade flows, reduce transportation costs, and open up new opportunities for local businesses.

The project also marks the resolution of a long-standing administrative impasse. For years, both Karnataka and Kerala governments had hesitated, each expecting the other to take the lead, even as residents repeatedly petitioned for action.

The breakthrough came following sustained efforts by Puttur MLA Ashok Kumar Rai, who initiated surveys and escalated the issue with state authorities. Last month, he accompanied PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi to the site.

"After inspecting the area, the minister acknowledged the urgency of the project," Rai said. "He made it clear that since the river falls within Karnataka's jurisdiction, the state must take responsibility. Following this, officials were directed to submit a detailed report, and the funding was approved on April 29."

In addition to the bridge, infrastructure plans include a 1.5-km approach road on the Karnataka side and a km stretch connecting to Kerala. A further proposal seeking Rs 6 crore for these connecting roads has already been submitted and is expected to receive approval shortly.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium on Thursday announced the launch of a new sky show, Voyager: The Never-Ending Journey. The show was inaugurated by Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science and Technology N.S. Boseraju and A.S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman of the JNP Governing Body and former ISRO Chairman

'Probe Mandya land scam or admit inability'

Upa Lokayukta pulls up SP: Over 1,000 acres of govt land allegedly moved to pvt individuals in Nagamangala taluk

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TAKING serious exception to Mandya district police for failing to complete investigation even after three months, and file a chargesheet into the alleged illegal transfer of over 1,000 acres worth Rs 600 crore to private individuals in Nagamangala taluk, Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa instructed the Mandya SP to depute necessary police officers to assist the investigating officer.

If the SP is unable to investigate further, she has to put the same in writing either to the Lokayukta or state government to continue investigation so that further steps could be taken to dig out the truth till it reaches its logical end, Justice Veerappa noted in proceedings in a suo motu case on Thursday.

The Upa Lokayukta questioned Mandya police as to why they did not inform the complainant in case of progress or result of the investigation, as mandated under Section 193(3)(ii) of the BNSS to ensure fair and transparent investigation. He also asked the Mandya DC to submit a report about action taken on the report dated December 5, 2024, submitted by the then Additional Deputy Commissioner, against officials involved in the scam.

Interestingly, the complainant in this case is the Lokayukta police in Mandya who registered the complaint with Nagamangala Town police on January 14, 2026. Failure to complete the probe on time by Mandya police has raised many eyebrows as to why they neither completed investigation within the stipulated time nor informed the complainant (Lokayukta police), about the progress of the probe.

This Upa Lokayukta's action came as the SP allegedly expressed her inability to continue investigation, which was published in the media on April 22, stating that 1,000 acres of government land was illegally allotted to private parties and hundreds of accused are found to be involved, causing loss of more than Rs 600 crore to the exchequer. The scope of investigation is expanding as many departments, including Revenue, Forest and Ecology, come under the purview of investigation, the Upa Lokayukta said, citing the SP's statement.

Meanwhile, the Upa Lokayukta listed all 32 officials, including tahsildars, assistant commissioners, shirastedars and case workers as respondents to the suo motu case, for their alleged role in illegal transfer of government land, to appear in person on May 29 and submit their explanation.

The Upa Lokayukta took up the issue of illegal registration of RTCs by creating, forging and fabricating documents of gomala land at HN Kavalu in Devalapura hobli of Nagamangala taluk, after receiving a complaint by a certain Mohammed Ismail. Later, he directed the Mandya Lokayukta police to conduct investigation and submit the report, which stated that the allegations, prima facie, are true and required thorough investigation.

Subsequently, a police team headed by the DySP, Nagamangala, has been investigating the matter for more than three months, but the final report is yet to be filed.

Karnataka logs 99.77 % results in ICSE exams

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Sragvi Bhagavan | Kashvi Fogla | Thanishka Kilaru

ICSE schools in Karnataka have recorded a pass percentage of 99.77 in the Indian Certificate Of Secondary Education Examination (ICSE- Class 10) examinations and 99.96% in the Indian School Certificate Examination (ISC- Class 12) examinations. The Council for ICSE declared the results on Thursday.

As many as 30,948 students, including 15,438 (99.67%) boys and 15,510 (99.88%) girls managed to clear the ICSE examination. Among 2,672 students, a total of 1,283 (100%) boys and 1,389 (99.93%) girls passed the ISC examination.

Sragvi Bhagavan, from VIBGYOR School, Kadugodi, Bengaluru has secured 99.80% marks in ICSE. She said, "I am extremely happy and grateful for this result. I'm thankful to my parents, teachers, my school and friends who supported me throughout this journey. Preparing for the board exams was intense at times, but I tried to stay consistent and calm. I focused on understanding concepts clearly, revising regularly, and maintaining a balanced routine. I plan to pursue a career in astrophysics."

Kashvi Fogla from Greenwood High International School scored 99.40% in the ICSE results. "This achievement means a lot to me. I did not do anything extraordinary, I simply showed up every day, stayed consistent, and gave it my best, and I owe this to my parents, teachers, and friends who stood by me throughout," said Fogla.

Tanishka B Majage from Bethesda International School, Kengeri Satellite Town, emerged as topper with 99.6% score in the ISC Science Stream. Currently pursuing the PCMB stream at R V Integrated PU College, Tanishka aims to find a career in medicine. "Medicine has always interested me since a young age, and the idea of helping people makes it even more meaningful," she said.

Thanishka Kilaru from Greenwood High International School secured 99.25% results in the Science stream. "Having completed my 12th grade, I will be joining the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2026, majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology + Data Science. My parents, grandparents, sisters, and entire family have been a huge source of motivation, always believing in me at every step," said Kilaru.

A total of 454 schools in the state had presented candidates for the ICSE examination, and 67 schools for the ISC.

Kolar student secures state 2nd rank in II PU exams

KOLAR: After re-evaluating the results of the 2nd PUC 2025-26 examination, Geetha N of Kolar Mahila Samaj PU College has secured the second rank in the state. She has also secured first position in the district, scoring 598 marks (99.66%) out of 600 in the commerce stream. She has scored Economics (100), Business Studies (100), Accountancy (100), Statistics (100), Kannada (100) and English (98). Earlier, she had secured 594 marks (99 per cent). She had secured 96 marks in English and 98 marks in Kannada, and got an additional 4 marks in the assessment. She is the daughter of Nagaraj and Vedavathi of Bangarpet.

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Health dept flags fake recruitment scam

BENGALURU: The Karnataka health department has cautioned the public against fake recruitment and appointment letters being circulated in the name of government institutions. Fraudsters are allegedly creating forged appointment orders and sharing them on WhatsApp and other channels, promising job seekers with employment in exchange for money. The government clarified that all official recruitment is conducted only through prescribed procedures and authorised notifications, and urged the public not to trust job offers or appointment letters from unofficial sources or agents, claiming to provide government jobs. Citizens are asked to remain cautious and report any suspicious recruitment-related messages or fraudulent activities to the concerned authorities for appropriate action.

KIA SEES SURGE IN PAX, CARGO VOLUMES

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BANGALORE International Airport Limited (BIAL) said on Thursday that Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has handled 44.47 million passengers and 5,32,000 tonnes of cargo in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

"International traffic led the growth, rising 23.9 per cent to 7.23 million passengers, while domestic traffic grew 3.3 per cent to 37.24 million passengers, taking overall passenger traffic up 6.2 per cent year-on-year," said BIAL. Transfer traffic also grew by approximately 22 per cent year-on-year. Domestic transfer volume is growing by approximately 3.2 per cent, and international transfer volume is expanding by over 50 per cent.

Air traffic concentration around the airport increased as well; 2,80,800 air traffic movements were recorded during the period, marking a 4.5 per cent year-on-year increase. Passenger traffic also reached a record high, with 1,39,111 passengers handled in a 24-hour period.

Cargo movement saw a surge of 6 per cent year-on-year. This was supported by 15 cargo airlines operating across 38 destinations, including Chicago, Singapore, London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. Demand was driven by agri-perishables, pharma, automobile parts, spare parts, electronics and e-commerce.

FROM CRACKS TO COLLAPSE

Planters lie broken on the BGS flyover on Thursday. Despite being part of the GBA's Bengaluru beautification project, the installations have deteriorated rapidly, progressing from initial cracks to destruction | VINOD KUMAR T

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A village accountant was caught red-handed by the Lokayukta police while allegedly accepting a Rs 2 lakh bribe from the complainant for doing 'pouthi' khata. The accused is Manjunath, attached to Begur Nada Kacheri in Bengaluru South. He allegedly demanded Rs 10 lakh bribe for the khata

MORE VEHICLES ON ROADS

GOVT'S AGGRESSIVE RTO STRATEGY TO GENERATE REVENUE

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE number of vehicles will increase in the coming times. This is because of the targets the state government has given to the transport department and to each of the Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) to achieve this fiscal. "This financial year we have been given a target of Rs 15000 crore to achieve and 50% of the revenue is usually generated from the RTOs in Bengaluru. Each RTO has been given a 10% higher target than that of last year. So to achieve it we are not refusing or holding back any application that comes to us," said a senior transport department official, not wanting to be named.

There are 67 RTOs in Karnataka, of which 12 are in Bengaluru alone. Each of the RTO offices in Bengaluru receives around 150-200 applications per day, while the rest in the state get around 50-80.

The official explained, the highest revenue generating RTOs in Bengaluru are Jayanagar, Koramanagala and Indiranagar. They get a little more applications than the others, around 5-10%. These three RTOs usually generate Rs 1000crore revenue annually. But this year the target has been increased to Rs 1200crore.

"We are aware of the increasing traffic congestion in the City. We also get stranded in traffic. We are also aware that this will lead to a further rise in traffic volume, when there is a need to curtail it and encourage public transport, but we have been directed by the government to increase revenue generation. Pending dues are also being aggressively collected and cleared from vehicle users to increase revenue," the official said and added that the three high priority RTOs have also been chosen as model RTOs for digitization of data and going paperless.

According to data, the three RTOs- Jayanagar, Indiranagar and Koramanagala, have over 25 lakh files stacked in each of their offices. The staffers have been directed to digitize all the files, stacked from 1980s to December 2025, before the end of December 2026. To achieve this, the department is now hiring private agencies.

"While a physical file for each application is being created even now in the RTOs, it is also being digitized parallelly on the same day in the three RTOs to reduce work load," the RTO officials said.

KDA seeks 25% Kannada quota in government jobs

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EVEN as 19,000 students failed in Kannada as first language in SSLC exam-1 in 2025-26, a committee formed by the Kannada Development Authority to study the reasons behind this has recommended to reserve 25% of government jobs in Karnataka to children who have studied in Kannada medium.

"At least 25 percent of government jobs in Karnataka should be reserved for children who have studied in Kannada medium up to at least 10th standard in Karnataka and any part of the country. This will motivate students studying in Kannada medium," the report stated.

KDA Chairman Prof Purushotham Bilimale submitted a report on 'Reasons behind students failing in Kannada language and reforms to be made' to the Minister of School Education and Literacy, Madhu Bangarappa on Thursday.

The committee headed by Dr Niranjanaradhya VP, Developmental Educationist, along with other language experts, have made a list of recommendations after going through the data in the past 10 years and visiting several schools across the state to assess students.

As per the report, lack of uniformity across the state and central curriculum, Kannada not being made mandatory at different levels of education, lack of compulsory tests to assess the learning outcome of the language from primary

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school, lack of incentives to students who excel in learning Kannada, Kannada language textbooks that are not favourable to language learning are some of the reasons behind children failing in Kannada.

The committee stated to abandon the three language policy to reduce the burden of learning three or more languages and adopt a bilingual policy.

All arrangements should be made to ensure that children learn and teach Kannada and English to a level of proficiency from the primary stage. Especially for language learning, teachers with proficiency, expertise, training and professional skills in the respective languages should be appointed from pre-primary onwards. Incentives such as special scholarships, priority in the selection of further education, and priority in government jobs should be implemented for students who excel in the Kannada language subject.

The structure of the textbook should be given more priority to language learning instead of giving more priority to content. Language-based text should be created instead of content-based text. In addition, there should be activities that complement the children's self-learning. When more emphasis is placed on language learning from the primary stage, children can't fail in Kannada, the report stated.

Besides, the committee has urged the department to conduct a quantitative and qualitative research that should be conducted to prepare a report by including children who failed in 2025-26 and those who will fail in 2026-27. Kannada should be made mandatory at various levels of education, starting from Anganwadi, pre-primary level, and including graduation, professional courses, and regardless of the medium, the committee stated.

HAND-IN-HAND

As many as 106 couples enter into wedlock at a mass marriage ceremony held at Sri Manjunatheshwara Temple in Dharmasthala of Dakshina Kannada on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Govt to appoint 10.5k guest lecturers, 3.8k edu coordinators

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AFTER conducting online counselling for potential candidates for the posts of guest lecturer, in accordance with the High Court order passed in September 2024, the higher education department has decided to appoint 10,419 guest lecturers in government colleges across the state for a period of three years.

The department has also decided to appoint 3,853 guest lecturers who did not meet the prescribed UGC criteria as education coordinators in government colleges from the academic year 2026–27. The role involves assisting other lecturers in labs and helping in both educational and non-educational activities in colleges.

Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said on Thursday, "The government permitted us to appoint 11,100 guest lecturers. We have selected 10,419 candidates through online counselling. They will be appointed only for the next three years, not as permanent staff."

"On humanitarian grounds, the government has appointed 3,853 guest lecturers as education coordinators. The salary is fixed as Rs 28,000 for those who have 5 to 10 years of teaching experience, Rs 29,000 for those with 10 to 15 years and for those with more than 15 years, it will be Rs 30,000. They will also be provided medical insurance," he said.

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
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This is to inform the general public that my client is intending to purchase the property bearing Site No.25, Municipal No.89, E-PID No.2002742403, measuring East to West: 120 feet and North to South: 80 feet totally 9,600 square feet, situated at Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020, consisting of ground, first and second floor RCC roofed building, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter called as the "**Schedule Property**" from its owners-**Sri.K.V.Venkataramana S/o K.R.Venkatesalu, Smt.K.Shashikala Prasad W/o K.V.Prasad, Smt.K.Shalini Prasad, D/o K.V.Prasad and Prithvi Prasad S/o K.V.Prasad**, all are residing at No.128, Railway Parallel Road, 1st Block, Behind BDA, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, The owners of the Schedule Property have handed over the xerox copies of the title deeds and other related documents in respect of the Schedule Property to my client. Any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, share in the Schedule Property may file their objections to the undersigned with documentary proof within 21 days from the date of publication of this public notice and if no valid objections are received within stipulated time, my client will proceed with assumptions that, there are no objections or claims of whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the schedule property by my client. Any objection received after 21 days will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property in accordance with law.

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4.	05261230/06.05.2026	Set of Final Roof Element For AC 3 Tier Amrit Bharat 3.0 with Flat Roof Coaches (PL No. 33541759)	54 Set	1,90,350/-
5.	(1) 04261024/25.05.2026	SS Conduit	30000 Mtr.	96,060/-
	(2) 02251676A/22.05.2026	Fire Barrier Sealant	5878 Nos.	2,56,630/-
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6.	04261019/25.05.2026	Austenitic Steel Sheet	14976 Kgs.	1,29,000/-
7.	01261087/26.05.2026 Time : 14:30 Hrs.	(1) Fully Assembled Improved Bogies Compatible with IR LHB Coaches (Goods) (2) Analyze Design Simulate & Verify Productionze Validate Field Test & Fatigue Test For Improved Bogies & Training of IR Personnel (Service)	1)1600 Nos. 2) 1 Set	50,00,000/-
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Sustainable data parks to be set up in B'luru, M'luru, Mys

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ENERGY Minister K J George, Large and Medium Industries Minister M B Patil and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge held a meeting here on Thursday, and decided to set up sustainable data parks in Bengaluru, Mangaluru and Mysuru.

A 500 MW capacity sustainable data centre park is planned to be set up near Hoskote. Solar power supplied from Pavagada is planned to reach the park directly. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BSWSSB) has also provided its assent, and stated that there is no problem in supplying 60 MLD water treated in two stages.

The industries themselves will carry out the third stage purification of this water. Patil added that the total capacity of these three parks will be 1,000 MW.

"In Mangaluru, a 350-acre land belonging to Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) will be used for this purpose. A similar plot of suitable land will be identified in Mysuru as well," Patil said.

A team of ministers, including Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar who holds the water resources portfolio, and a team of top officials will be formed to expedite the process.

The meeting was attended by Energy and Water Resources Department secretary Gaurav Gupta, Industries Department principal secretary Selvakumar, IT Department principal secretary Dr Manjula N, Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC) managing director Khushbu Goyal, KIADB commissioner Dr Mahesh, BWSSB director Rammanohar Prasad and others.

EXPRESS READ

Youth killed on way to pre-wedding shoot

Hassan: A 28-year-old man, who was on his way to pick up his fiancee for a pre-wedding photo shoot, was killed when he lost control of his car and rammed a roadside tree near Moogali village of Sakleshpur taluk on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Manu, who was to marry Kanchana of Lakkunda village of the same taluk in 10 days. The police stated that Manu was crushed inside the car and the they had to put struggle to retrieve the body from the mangled vehicle. Police said Manu might have lost the control over the vehicle while negotiating a curve. **ENS**

Man attempts suicide at RC's office in B'gavi

Belagavi : Upset over the delay in clearing his application for land conversion, a man allegedly attempted suicide at the regional commissioner's office here on Thursday by drinking poison. Rudrayya Amminabavimath, 50, a resident of Ranebennur in Haveri district, was rushed to Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS) Hospital. According to sources, Rudrayya applied for conversion of his two acres of land several months ago. On Thursday, he went to the office to meet Regional Commissioner Janaki. But when the officials there said the commissioner was not available, he got upset and allegedly drank poison. **ENS**

Leopard trapped in cage near Melukote

Mysuru: An adult leopard was successfully captured in the tourist town of Melukote after it reportedly caused panic by preying on livestock in the area. The leopard, estimated to be around three years old, was trapped in a cage placed near the famous Cheluvanarayana Swamy Temple. Forest officials had set up the trap after the residents repeatedly complained about livestock losses. As news of the capture spread, large crowds gathered to catch a glimpse of the animal, creating a buzz in the town. Officials from the Forest Department later safely relocated the leopard to a distant forest area to prevent further human-wildlife conflict. **ENS**

Contract forest workers on strike in Bandipur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

A group of temporary workers engaged by the wildlife and territorial forest divisions across the state have begun an indefinite strike in Bandipur, demanding that the outsourcing system be scrapped and their wages be paid directly by the department. The fresh agitation comes in the wake of the government's failure to take any concrete steps towards addressing their grievances as it had promised when more than 4,000 such workers staged a protest in November last year.

AM Nagaraju, the president of the workers' association, said despite the forest minister responding positively to their concerns, senior officials of the department have not taken any action. "We have protested twice earlier, but nothing has changed except repeated assurances. This time, we will not call off the strike until we receive a written assurance from the government," he said.

Forest department's temporary employees stage a protest in support of their demands in Bandipur on Thursday | EXPRESS

Nagaraju said that earlier the temporary workers were paid their wages and other benefits under a welfare framework. However, since 2017, the system was changed, and the department started routing the payments through private agencies via tenders. "This caused the salaries becoming irregular and made accessing benefits difficult. Our main demand is to abolish this system," he added.

The workers said that during earlier protests, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, the chief minister's legal advisor AS Ponnanna and senior officials of the department had assured action. "Although a committee was formed, no concrete decision has been implemented at the departmental level. Officials are now passing the responsibility to the government level," said the association's vice-president SS Harish.

Preparations are under way to renew the outsourcing contract from April 1 for another year, Harish said. The protesting workers have also said the department officials should be held responsible for any untoward incident that happens inside or outside forest areas during the summer season, as they would continue their protests until their demands are met.

Chennai crossed the 40 degree Celsius mark for the first time this summer, with the Meenambakkam observatory recording 40.2°C on Thursday. The temperature recorded is 3.1°C above normal, signalling intensifying heat conditions across northern Tamil Nadu even as other parts of the state received rain

Kavitha's party to be Telangana Rakshana Sena

MANDA RAVINDER REDDY
@ Hyderabad

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has approved to former MLC **Kalvakuntla Kavitha** to register her political party by the name "Telangana Rakshana Sena" (TRS).

Curiously, at a public meeting in Muneerabad on April 25, Kavitha had declared that her party would be called Telangana Rashtra Sena. However, that name did not feature among the options she formally submitted to the ECI.

The ECI has now issued a letter approving for registration of "Telangana Rakshana Sena" as a political party.

As part of the registration process, the ECI has directed Kavitha to publish notices of the proposed party name in two national and two local newspapers, inviting objections within 30 days. The poll panel stated that final approval will depend on the outcome of any objections raised by existing parties or others.

Kavitha, daughter of former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, had initially applied under the name "Telangana Praja Jagruthi" and submitted five alternatives: Telangana Praja Jagruthi, Telangana Jagruthi, Telangana Rakshana Sena, Telangana Rashtra Jagruthi and Telangana Praja Shakti. The poll panel approved the third option.

Sources close to Kavitha said an informal communication from the ECI indicating "Telangana Rakshana Sena" was received on the evening of April 24. As per norms, the name could not be made public until formal approval was issued. They said the April 25 announcement of "Telangana Rashtra Sena" was made to retain a similar formulation and acronym, while avoiding legal complications.

Reacting on X, Kavitha said: "Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS), it is! We will relentlessly work to serve and protect the people of Telangana, as we have done in the last two decades as Telangana Jagruthi." She also said a formal approval letter had been received and committed to abiding by the rules and regulations.

CEREMONIAL WELCOME

Devotees welcome Lord Kallazhagar (a form of Vishnu) as he enters Madurai city as part of the annual Chithirai festival on Thursday. It symbolises the welcome extended by devotees to Lord Kallazhagar, who arrives to witness the celestial marriage of Goddess Meenakshi and Lord Sundareswarar | KK SUNDAR

Insensitive governance: Odisha Oppn targets govt in skeleton case

AGENCIES @Bhubaneswar

A man carrying his sister's skeleton to a bank in Keonjhar caused an uproar during the special session of the Odisha Assembly convened on Thursday to discuss "Participation of Women in Indian Democracy", with Congress MLAs walking out of the chamber briefly in protest. As soon as the day-long session began, Congress members rushed to the well of the House, holding placards and criticising the BJP-led state government over the incident, even as Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi tried to set the tone of the debate by accusing the opposition of derailing the tweaked women's quota bill and delimitation bill in the Lok Sabha.

Even as Congress MLAs raised slogans over the skeleton episode, House Speaker Surama Padhy allowed the proceedings to continue.

Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik referred to the Keonjhar incident to say the "insensitive" state government has "utterly failed the people of Odisha".

Terming the tribal man's ordeal "painful", he said, "Odisha's head hangs in shame as a woman's skeleton had to be exhumed by her family and carried to the bank to prove her death in order to claim her rightful dues." Taking potshots at the "double engine government in the state", Patnaik said, "Such inhumane governance has never been witnessed in the history of Odisha." He said, "The BJP government has no right to speak of women's dignity and empowerment."

GOVT PROBE INTO SKELETON EPISODE INDICATES 'BANK AT FAULT'

KEONJHAR: Preliminary findings of a probe into the episode of a tribal man carrying his sister's skeleton to a bank in Keonjhar district as a proof of death to withdraw her money indicate that the staff "did not cooperate with him", a senior official said. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi had directed the revenue divisional commissioner (RDC) of Northern Division to initiate the probe. Sangram Keshari Mohapatra, the RDC of Northern Division, checked the CCTV footage and questioned the bank officials to ascertain the circumstances leading to the incident, officials said. Mohapatra said preliminary investigation suggests that the "bank was at fault" and stringent action will be taken against the officials responsible for the entire episode. Odisha Grameen Bank is sponsored by IOB.

EXPRESS READ

Jana Nayagan leak: No relief for accused

CHENNAI : The Madras High Court has refused to grant anticipatory bail to one of the accused in the leak of actor-politician Vijay's movie Jana Nayagan, which is awaiting the Central Board for Film Certification clearance for the formal release. Justice GK Ilanthiraiyan dismissed the application filed by D Uma Shankar, who is employed as a manager at a popular textile showroom. He was accused by the cybercrime wing of the Greater Chennai Police of sharing the movie on the internet.

AP allocates over ₹6,750 cr for capital infra

VIJAYAWADA : The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat, has approved a wide range of measures across capital infrastructure, urban development, irrigation, industry, agriculture and energy. The highlight was the sanction of over ₹6,750 crore for construction projects in Amaravati, alongside ₹124.50 crore for the new Andhra Pradesh Bhavan in New Delhi.

'Bureaucratic caucus worked to ensure third term for LDF'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

LASHING out against the Kerala state government, suspended IAS officer B Ashok alleged that a caucus of civil service officers had been working for the past six months to ensure that LDF government gets a third tenure, and that public funds and KIIFB loan amounts were spent to run a publicity campaign towards the same.

"IAS officers in Kerala have traditionally exercised their duties in a politically neutral manner. But unlike in the past, some serving officers led by Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) chief K M Abraham have been working as a caucus to ensure that the current government gets a continued tenure," Ashok's remarks came a day after he was placed under suspension for interacting with the media without government's permission.

He raised serious legal concerns about KIIFB's role, pointing out that there is no provision for the body to spend on government publicity or anything beyond infrastructure and ancillary uses. "When unwanted political pressure acts on those in the civil service, public funds get diverted to run election campaigns. And those who do not cooperate will be hunted down, like this suspension," he said.

TG HC suspends clause barring colleges from collecting fees

TG NAIDU @ Hyderabad

IN a setback to the state's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)-based academic fee policy, the Telangana High Court has suspended a clause in a Government Order (GO) that barred higher educational institutions from collecting tuition fees until scholarship amounts were credited into students' bank accounts.

Justice Juvvadi Sridevi passed the interim order while hearing a batch of writ petitions challenging a GO issued by the SC Development department introducing a DBT mechanism for Post Matric Scholarships from the academic year 2026–27.

Under the revised scheme, scholarship funds were to be transferred directly into Aadhaar-linked bank accounts of eligible students, who would then pay their institutions. The order had also directed colleges not to collect fees at the time of admission and to do so only after the credited amounts were received by students. The court noted that in earlier proceedings it had already recorded substantial pending dues, leading to financial strain. As interim relief, institutions had been permitted to collect tuition fees directly from students belonging to SC, ST, EBC, BC, minority and other categories for 2026–27.

HAPPY TIDINGS

TN tops marine fish landings in '25, beats Gujarat

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu has emerged as the country's leading state in marine fish landings in 2025, overtaking Gujarat to claim the top spot, according to the latest assessment released on Thursday by the ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).

The state recorded an estimated 6.85 lakh tonnes of marine fish landings, registering a marginal 1% increase over 2024. At the national level, India's marine fish landings stood at 3.57 million tonnes in 2025, up 3% from 3.47 million tonnes recorded the previous year, indicating overall resilience in the sector.

Fish landing refers to the total quantity of fish brought ashore and unloaded from fishing vessels at a port or beach, marking the first point of sale.

Officials attributed Tamil Nadu's rise primarily to a sharp 15% decline in Gujarat, which slipped to second place with 6.43 lakh tonnes. The fall in Gujarat's output was linked to multiple disruptions, including adverse weather conditions, an extended fishing ban between June and mid-August, and cyclonic disturbances such as Cyclone Shakti.

Despite securing the top rank, Tamil Nadu's fisheries sector was not without challenges. Cyclone Montha in late October and Cyclone Ditwah during November-December temporarily affected fishing operations along the coast. However, steady landings across districts helped the state retain its lead.

Within the state, Kanniyakumari district accounted for the highest share of landings at 23%, followed by Thoothukudi (16%) and Pudukkottai (14%). The Chennai Fisheries Harbour alone contributed around 12% of the total, as per official data.

On the species front, lesser sardines continued to dominate for the fifth consecutive year, contributing about 0.70 lakh tonnes, although this marked a 9% decline compared to the previous year.

AT 1.68L TONNES, DECADAL-HIGH OIL SARDINE LANDING IN KERALA

KOCHI: Giving fishermen reason to cheer, the Kerala coast has been seeing an upswing in oil sardine stocks, with 2025 recording the highest landing in more than a decade. According to annual estimates released by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), oil sardine landing in the state amounted to 1,68,478 tonnes in 2025, a significant recovery from 3,297 tonnes in 2021. "This was the highest since 2013," CMFRI director Grinson George said on Thursday. Also, Indian oil sardine topped the list of most caught species in the state last year, registering an increase of 13% compared with 2024, when the catch stood at 1,49,616 tonnes. Kerala recorded a 2% increase in total marine fish landings and retained its third position at the national level.

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b. Associate Professors (Notification No. 3263/Admn.I(TE)/BU/2026 dated 28.04.2026)
c. Assistant Professors (Notification No 3264/Admn.I(TE)/BU/2026 dated 28.04.2026)

The filled application must be submitted online through the HIMS Portal (https://hims.odisha.gov.in/), which will be available from 07.05.2026 onwards. Candidates are required to complete the application in all respects and upload all necessary supporting documents on or before 10.06.2026. In addition, a hard copy of the downloaded submitted application along with all relevant documents, must be sent only via Speed Post to the Registrar, Berhampur University, Bhanja Bihar, Berhampur-760007, Dist-Ganjam (Odisha) so as to reach on or before 20.06.2026.

For details like essential qualifications, General terms and conditions, Application Form, General Instructions, how to apply etc., please visit University website www.buodisha.edu.in.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF
MILLENNIUM STARCH INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

	RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1.	Name of corporate debtor	**Millennium Starch India Private Limited**
2.	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	11th April 2008
3.	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	ROC Bangalore
4.	Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U74991KA2008PTC046023
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	**Millennium Starch India Private Limited** Survey No. 1078/1079, KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Satti Road Athani Belgaum Athani, Karnataka, 591304
6.	Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	28.04.2026 [Copy of order received on 29.04.2026]
7.	Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	25.10.2026
8.	Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	**Rahul Sudhakar Kavathekar** **IBBI REGN:** IBBI/IPA-001/IP P00040/2017-18/10101
9.	Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	**Address :** J 901 The Trees, Pirojshanagar, Eastern Express Highway, Vikhroli East Mumbai 400079 **Email :** kavathekarco@hotmail.com
10.	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	**Address :** J 901 The Trees, Pirojshanagar, Eastern Express Highway, Vikhroli East Mumbai-400 079 **Email :** millennium.cirp@hotmail.com
11.	Last date for submission of claims	12.05.2026
12.	Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	N. A.
13.	Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	N. A.
14.	(a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	(a) Relevant forms are available at: https://ibbi.gov.in//en/home/downloads (b) N. A.

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal Bengaluru Bench has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the **Millennium Starch India Private Limited** on 28.04.2026.

The creditors of **Millennium Starch India Private Limited,** are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before **12.05.2026** to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class [specify class] in Form CA. : N.A.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Sd/-
Rahul Sudhakar Kavathekar
Interim Resolution Professional
Reg. No.: IBBI/IPA-003/IP-P00040/2017-2018/10101
AFA Valid upto : 30.06.2027
Date : 01.05.2026
Place : Mumbai
For **Millennium Starch India Private Limited (Under CIRP)**

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India has issued Environmental Clearance to Bangalore Development Authority for "Development of Eight Lane Peripheral Ring Road connecting Tumakuru Road to Hosur Road (Crossing Ballari Road and Old Madras Road) in Bengaluru Urban District, Karnataka" vide File No. 10/46/2022-IA.III dated 27.04.2026. This Environmental Clearance Letter issued by MoEF&CC can be accessed at the Ministry website: **https://parivesh.nic.in**

Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok
Date: 30.04.2026 **Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Infrastructure Division, BDA, Bengaluru-20**

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Ref.No: VTU/BGM/RE/2026-27/IFT No.15/464 Date: 27-04-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) - (Through KPP Portal Only)

The e-Tender is invited in duplicate from eligible Tenderers, registered Contractor, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the Work of **Furnishing of Auditorium Building in Capacity - 1000 Seats at UBDT, College of Engineering, Davangere. Amounting to Rs. 4,20,94,395/- (Excluding GST).** Other details log on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 28-04-2026.**

Sd/- Registrar
VTU, Belagavi

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Public is notified that any person/s having any form of right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Properties or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever therein are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that no persons other than as specified below have any right, title, interest, charge or claim with regard to the Schedule Properties and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

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No.KSSOCA/ADM/E-tender /Out Source/2026-27 Date: 30.04.2026

LONG-TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency invites e-procurement tenders from reputed Manpower providers for outsourcing the services of Seed Certification Officers, Organic Certification Officers, PS/PA to The Chairman,Computer Operator-cum-Office Assistants, Drivers, D Group (Attenders/Watchman) as per KTPP Act, 1999 and Rule 2000.

The Tender application must be submitted with separate Technical and Commercial bids in electronic formats only through e-procurement Portal. (**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**).

The tender details can be downloaded in the above e-procurement Portal free of cost from **30.04.2026 to 29.05.2026 before 5.00 p.m.** The last date for submission of e-tender through online is **29.05.2026 up to 5.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Joint Director of Seed Certification, KSSOCA, Bengaluru.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the post of **Principal.** Application form can be downloaded from **https://pesce.ac.in/career.php.** A Demand Draft of Rs 1000/- drawn in favour of **The Principal, P.E.S. College of Engineering, Mandya,** and the duly filled in application along with copies of certificates and other documents duly attested by a Gazetted Officer should be submitted to the Principal, PESCE, Mandya, on or before **May 14th, 2026, 5.00 p.m.** Applications received after the due date will not be considered.

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8. Application fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances
9. The interview date for eligible candidates will be intimated in due course.
10. The right of filling up the post is left to the discretion of the Management and the Management decision is final.

Sd/- Dr. N.L. Muralikrishna ***Principal***
Sd/- K.S.Vijay Anand ***Chairman, GC***

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Malleshwaram Zone,
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rajajinagara Division,
BWCC Building, No.161, 1st Floor, 19th Main, 2nd Block,
Near Old Navarang Bus Stop, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560010.

No: EE(RNR)/KPPP/TEND/01/2026-27 Date: 29-04-2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Rajajinagara Division, BWCC, Bengaluru invites Tender from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with PWD / CPWD or any State Government Organization for the Works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Documents - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room at Rajajinagara Sub Division for Four Months (Ward No. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 & 68). **(Others). Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (Rs. in Lakhs): 13.40, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 33,500/-**
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room at Sri Rama Mandira Sub Division for Four Months (Ward No. 58, 59, 60, 61 & 62). **(Others). Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST) (Rs. in Lakhs): 11.15, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 28,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 02-05-2026, 17.30 Hours onwards. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries: **07-05-2026. 3)** Last Date and Time for Uploading the Tender Documents: **11-05-2026 upto 17.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **12-05-2026 at 17.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rajajinagara Division, Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC.

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division,
8th Main, 2nd Block Jayanagar,
Kanakanapalya, Bengaluru-560011

No.: EE/CKP/E-PROC/01/2026-27 Date: 30.04.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(Single Cover) (Only through E-Procurement)

The Executive Engineer (Chickpete Division), BCCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bengaluru Central City Corporation or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the construction of work detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document - KW1)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period for the year 2026-27 in Kempegowdanagara and VV Puram Sub Divisions. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 8.00, EMD (in Rs.): 20,000/-.**
2	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period for the year 2026-27 in Hombegowdanagara and Ashoka Pillar Sub Divisions. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 8.00, EMD (in Rs.): 20,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-procurement website (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **07.05.2026** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Date of opening of tenders is on **08.05.2026** by **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, BCCC

Government of Karnataka

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

No. EE/PWD/HSN/JE-2/2026-27/ DATED: 28.04.2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 07/2026-27, Dated: 28.04.2026

Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-3 from the eligible registered Contractors of Karnataka PWD and the contractors belonging to Category-2A. Category-2A contractors shall be domicile of the State of Karnataka for more than 10 years. Tenders invited through E-Procurement for 02 Works in Hassan division in which One Work is reserved for Category-2A. The minimum amount put to tender is Rs.79.86 lakhs and maximum amount put to tender is Rs.79.90 lakhs. Last date of Receipt of tender is 13.05.2026 till 4.00 P.M. For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD,
Hassan Division, Hassan.

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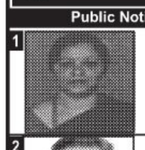
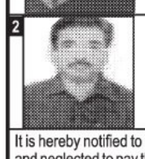
IDBI BANK

IDBI Bank Limited, NPA Management Group, 2nd Floor,
IDBI House, 58 Mission Road Bangalore 560027.
Email id : brijkishore.bilochi@idbi.co.in, Contact No. 080-61451232

Public Notice about Wilful Defaulter(s) declared by IDBI bank Ltd.

1 

Smt. Suma Uma Shankar
Proprietor and Personal Guarantor of M/s Suma Oil Agencies
#507, Pillana Gardens,
III stage, Nagawara Main Road, Bengaluru – 560 045.

2 

Shri. A S Uma Shankar,
Personal Guarantor of M/s Suma Oil Agencies
#507, Pillana Gardens,
III stage, Nagawara Main Road,
Bengaluru – 560 045.

It is hereby notified to the public at large that the above mentioned Partner cum Guarantor failed and neglected to pay the instalments of principal, interest and other monies to IDBI Bank Ltd. with respect to the financial assistance granted to the Borrower. The Proprietor/ Personal Guarantors are required to pay the outstanding sum of Rs. 6,02,52,427/- as per Recovery Certificate issued by the Hon'ble DRT, Karnataka dated 16.11.2016 together with costs, expenses and future interest @18% p.a. from the date of filing the OA i.e. 02.04.2012 till the date of realization in full. Hence, in public interest it is informed and cautioned that no person shall deal with the any of the properties of the Borrower / Proprietor / Partner / Promoter / Director / Guarantor as huge dues are to be recoverable from them.

Date : 30.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Signatory
IDBI Bank Ltd., NPA Management Group

RANI CHANNAMMA UNIVERSITY

Vidyasangama, National Highway – 04, Bhootaramanahatti,
Belagavi – 591156 (**NAAC Accredited with B+ Grade - 2021**)
Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan

E-mail: registrar@rcub.ac.in **Phone No.:** 0831-2565242

Office of the Registrar

Ref No: RCUB/RO/2026-27/494 Date:30.04.2026

-: (Expression of Interest) :-

Rani Channamma University has issued a notification for Expression of Interest (EoI) for providing **Development of a Digital Repository and Competitive Exam Course Content Creation** service for providing information and training for competitive exams to students. Interested applicants should submit their applications, including previous experience and proposed scope of work, through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** by **5.00 PM** on **14.05.2026**. Further details can be obtained from the university website www.rcub.ac.in or from the Estates Department.

Sd/-
Registrar
Rani Channamma University,Belagavi

Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India

CORRIGENDUM Dated : 30.04.2026

In continuation of the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the work 'Construction of Cable Terminal Room for Principal Test Stand (PTS) at IPRC, Mahendragiri. [Civil, PH, Electrical & AC works]. (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-07/MW/CMP-01/2026-27 dated: 08.04.2026) (Estimated cost: ` 448.33 Lakhs) is extended up to 12.05.2026

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Group Head, CMG

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Tender No. 07-OEW-26-27-Sr.DEE-M-HYB, 08-DEP-26-27-Sr.DEE-M-HYB

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Sr.DEE/M/HYB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following Tenders Closing **date. 26-05-2026, 15:00**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

S.No.: 01 **Description of work:** Tender No. 07-OEW -26-27-Sr.DEE-M-HYB: Hyderabad Division: Replacement of AHUs at HYB Bhavan, Strengthening of Lighting arrangements at TSMD for VB Maintenance. **Approx. Cost (₹):** 95,31,927/- **EMD (₹):** 1,90,600/- **Completion period**: 12 Months **Date of Closing:** 26-05-2026

S.No.: 02 **Description of work:** Tender No. 08-DEP -26-27-Sr.DEE-M-HYB: Hyderabad Division: Construction of trip shed at Kacheguda- Electrical arrangements. **Approx. Cost (₹):** 1,15,43,058/- **EMD (₹):** 2,30,900/- **Completion period**: 12 Months **Date of Closing:** 26-05-2026

Website particulars: www.ireps.gov.in

Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Sr.DEE/M/HYB, Hyderabad Bhavan, Secunderabad-500071

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Hyderabad
A170

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Parul Soni/ Anubhav Kumar/ H.No. 23-24, Pocket I-3, Ground Floor Sector-16 Rohini Delhi New Delhi Rohini- 110089/ LBGUR00004043879	Flat No D 254, 2nd Floor, Central Park Flower Valley, Situated In Village Dhunela And Berka, Block-D, Sector-29,30,32 And 33, Tehsil- Sohna, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001	15/04/2026 Rs. 47,49,736/-	22-12-2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 01, 2026 Place: Bangalore Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

MAHAGENCO

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Specification No. CE(C)-III/CSTPS/RFX. No. 3000067516/2026-27.
Name of work:- Enhancement of the life of Thermal Power Plant by strengthening the structural steel and Epoxy coating treatment to unit 3 & 4 CSTPS, Chandrapur.

Estimated Cost:- Rs.8,48,75,627/-(Excluding GST)	**Time Limit:-** 12 Months
Sale Date:- 01.05.2026 at **11.00** Hrs. to **21.05.2026** upto **17.00** Hrs.	**Tender Fee:-** Rs. 5,000/- + GST
Date of Submission:-22.05.2026 up to **15.00** Hrs.	**EMD:-** Rs. 8,48,800/-
Contact person- Executive Engineer (C), O/o. Chief Engineer (Civil) -III, M.S.P.G. Co. Ltd., Mumbai. **Mob.No.** 9594974772, E-MAIL ID:- **cgmcivil3@mahagenco.in**	

For further details visit our Website https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in
Agencies are requested to register themselves for this and future E-Tenders.

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the **ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of will be sold on **04.06.2026, "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Properties (Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Incremental value at the Bid
1.	**(1) M/s Proculture Farms and Foods (P) Ltd.,** No.2, 11th Cross, Brindavan Layout Horamavu, Bengaluru-560043. **(2) Mr. Chandra Paul Koppalu,** Flat No.303, J R Arcade, 2nd Cross, J R Layout, Chelekere, Kalyannagar, Bengaluru. **(3) Mr. Eugene Sumanth Martin,** No.684, 7th Cross, 3rd Phase, J P Nagar, Bengaluru-560078. **(4)Mr. K Venkata Subramanyam** S/o Mr. K Radhakrishnaiah, No.36-3-1A, Beside Halu Veerasagara Main Road, Attur, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064.	**Rs. 9,24,74,285.52 (Rupees Nine Crores Twenty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five and Fifty Two Paisa Only) plus further interest thereon from 21.04.2026**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing southern portion of the Site No. 01(Southern Portion), old Gramatana Assessment No.36/3,BBMP Katha No. 251/1151/36/3/1, Attur Layout, Off Veerasandra Main Road, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064 and Measuring about East to West 58 feet and North to South 42'6 feet and totally measuring about 2465 sq.ft and now the said property stands with in the limits of BBMP Bangalore and assigned to new municipal No. 251/1151/36/3/1 of Attur division and sital area consists stilt, ground ,first and second floors residential building with having all civic amenities and Bounded on : East By: House belongs to M Muniyappa, West By: Property belongs to M Muniyappa, North By: Norther portion of the property bearing No.1,belongs to Ramamurthy, South By: Road. **Property in the name of : K V Subramanyam.**	**04.06.2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m**	**Reserve Price Rs. 264.31 Lakhs EMD Rs. 26.43 Lakhs**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.**(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **03.06.2026**, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. **(i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. **(iii)** Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2, (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181), e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) e-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 30.04.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

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A Government of India Undertaking

Bangalore-Chandra Layout Branch
Door No 1234, 8th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560040 E-mail id: ubin0933848@unionbankofindia.bank.in

RECALL NOTICE FOR GOLD LOAN ACCOUNT

REF: 33842 Date: 07/04/2026

To,
Thokchomjiban Singh, No. 61, Ground Floor, Ganga Krupa NGEF Layout Nagarbhavi 3rd Cross, 80 Feet Road, Bangalore North, Pin 560072 Bangalore.
Sub: GL No. 338426630000346 dated 23.08.2024 for Rs. 97,000.00
Please refer to our letter No. ____ dated 26.11.2025 advising you with regard to maintenance of adequate margin / regularise your captioned loan account.
In consideration/securing the subject credit facility you have executed the following documents:

- Application-cum-letter of pledge for advances against gold ornaments.

You have acknowledged your liability under the said credit facility by your letter dated 03-12-2025. Now there is due and payable by you to the bank under the credit/loan facility a sum of **Rs.1,05,470.46 (Rupees One lakh five thousand four hundred and seventy and paise forty six only)** inclusive of interest up to **07.04.2026.** Despite repeated requests you have failed and neglected to pay the said outstanding dues and interest thereof.
We hereby finally call upon you to pay to the bank the said sum of **Rs.1,05,470.46** with interest at 9.40% compounded quarterly/half yearly from 23.08.2025 till payment OR arrange to pledge the extra gold ornaments in consultation with the branch within 15 days from the date of receipt hereof, failing which the Bank will be constrained to sell the gold ornaments pledged by you with the bank by following due procedure and appropriate the sale proceeds to your loan account by conducting auction.
Identification of jewellery for auction is at the sole discretion of the bank, kindly call on the undersigned for further information, if any required.

Date: 01.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

इंडियन बैंक / Indian Bank

इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

Indian Bank Zonal Office Dharmapuri
1ST FLOOR, 91, DDDC BUILDING, PENNAGARAM ROAD, DHARMAPURI
Contact : 120/2, DENKANIKOTTA ROAD (OPPOSITE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL), HOSUR

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6)/9(1)]*(*Retain whichever is applicable) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Constructive(whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Hosurbranch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **18.05.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 67,35,997.43 (Sixty Seven Lac Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Fourty Three only) as on 29.04.2026** due to the Indian Bank, Hosur branch, Secured Creditor, from **Mr. KN Ramachandran (Borrower)** Add: D4, Chandana Apartment 82, Infantry Road, Bangalore 01 & **Mr. Narendra Hegde (Guarantor)** its address at 138, I Block III Main, RMV II Stage, Bangalore Pin-560094

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property	Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of residential properties bearing Old No: 82, 82/1 and 82/3, New No. 82 situated in infantry road, Bangalore 560001 in Corporation Division No. 70, the site measuring in all about 27197 sq ft and the common passages attached thereto for entry into the property and the property is bounded on with the following boundaries: East- Krishniah chetty property Cutchi Menon Union and Safina plazag Main Guard Road, West- Sivadarshan Apartment on Infantry road, Mrs Dharamraja Pvt Property & Private property facing indantry cross road, North- Private Property No. 6 to 10 on Hospital road, South- Copper Arch shopping complex & Infantry road **Schedule B (Mortgaged property)** 998 sq ft being the share of undivided right & interest in the schedule A property given here as above and the residential flat in the 2nd and mezzanine floor of the construction named as Chandana Apartments and residential flat No. D4 (Flat No. D-4 in second and mezzanine floor) measuring super built up area is 1920 sq ft consisting of two bedrooms, two covered car parking space in the basement to be numbered as D4 and private terrace area measuring about 402 sqft to be used as Terrace garden only. The flat having 1380 sqft of Mosaic flooring and 580 sq ft of Marble flooring The BBMP PID No 79-43-82/19
Encumbrances on property, if any	NIL
Reserve Price	**Rs.2,10,00,000 (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakhs Only)**
EMD Amount	**Rs.21,00,000 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Only)**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs. 50,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction	**Date: 18.05.2026 Time : 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM**
Property ID No.	IDIB085596901701
Account Details:	Account Number: 6163416884 Account Name: E-auction IFSC: IDIB000K052

Last Date of EMD Submission: On or before end time of E-auction

Date & Time of E-auction: 18.05.2026 (Monday) from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes

Note: The amount of EMD-10% of Bid amount should be paid through https://baanknet.com website and the balance amountof sale price should be paid through the Account number in the sale notice.

Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://baanknet.com) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance, please call 8291220220. For Registration status and EMD status, please email tosupport.baanknet@psballiance.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions,please visit: https://baanknet.com and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd, Contact No.8291220220.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://baanknet.com

Date : 30.04.2026
Place : Hosur

Authorised Officer

Contact Person: 1. (Authorized Officer & Branch Manager : Satish Kumar Contact: 9442625787)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. SYEDA AYESHA SIDDIQA,** W/o. Mr. Akram Ahmed, aged about 55 years, represented by her son & **GPA** Holder **Mr. ABDUL RAHMAN AKRAM,** S/o Mr. Akram Ahmed, Residing at No.434, 4th Cross, 1st Main, MCECHS Layout, Dr. Shivaram Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560077., has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding **(MOU)** on 25-02-2026 with one **Smt. VYSHALI. S. RAJU.,** W/o. Sri. Sagi Raju Srinivasulu, aged about 44 years, Residing at No.3, Venkata Sai Nilaya, 4th Cross Ramakrishna Gardens, Bangalore, Mathikere, Bengaluru Karnataka – 560054, and **also R/at.203, 2nd Floor, No.12, Sri. Sai Bliss, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Heritage Super Market, MLA Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560094.** for purchase of the residential vacant property bearing Municipal No.1552/99/2/144, (Site No.144), BBMP issued New E-PID No.5503207819, in the private layout formed by Bhagyashree Developers (BDS),formed in Converted Sy.No.99/ 2,vide Conversion/Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(SA)90/ 2002-03,Dated:18.11.2002,Situated at Rachenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 63ft., and North to South (36+54.5)2 ft., in all measuring **2850** Square Feet, or **264.77,** Square Meters,, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) (GBA) Ward No-6-Thanisandra which is more fully described in the schedule here-under, for Sale Consideration.

Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the schedule vacant site property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule vacant site property or the documents thereof or against the owner or subjecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within (10) Ten days of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the schedule site property or any part thereof, after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule site property.

"SCHEDULE"

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant property bearing Municipal No.1552/99/2/144, (Site No.144), BBMP issued New E-PID No.5503207819, in the private layout formed by Bhagyashree Developers (BDS).,formed in Converted Sy.No.99/2, vide Conversion/Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(SA)90/2002-03,Dated: 18.11.2002, Situated at Rachenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 63ft., and North to South (36+54.5)2 ft., in all measuring 2850 Square Feet., or 264.77, Square Meters, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) (GBA) Ward No-6-Thanisandra together with all appurtenances and bounded as follows:

East by : Site No.87 West by : Road
North by : Road South by : Site No.143

RAJU .M, Advocate
No: #673, 10th Main, 07th Cross, HAL 2nd Stage,
Indiranagar, Bengaluru: 560008. Phone: 9845381170

केनरा बैंक / Canara Bank

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POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]

(For Immovable property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **09.02.2026** calling upon the Borrower/s **Mr. Anil Kumar Patro,** S/o Kameshwar Patro ,# 611 Raj Paradise Ranka Colony Road, Near Coupon Mall Bilekahalli , Bengaluru South Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.78,61,366.81/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Sixty one Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Six and paisa Eighty One only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **28th April of 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 79,97,685.81/-(Rupees Seventy-Nine Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Five and Paisa Eighty-One Only) as on 28.04.2026** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property :

Property -1 : Schedule –A Property (Description of entire property on which Apartment being constructed) : All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising converted land (converted vide official memorandum No ALN(A)-(HS)-SR-02/2011-12 dated 11.05.2011, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) bearing Sy No.216 situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2.00 Acres and bounded on: East by: Narayana Reddys Land in Sy No. 216,West by :Chikka Munireddy Land in Sy No. 214, North by : property bearing Sy no.215, South by :Road.

Schedule -B Property (Description of the Undivided Interest of land agreed to be conveyed) : 628.20 Sq ft Undivided share, Right, Title and interest and ownership in Schedule A Property, Which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule C Apartment unit.

Schedule -C Property (Description of the apartment unit/flat agreed to be conveyed) : All that piece and parcel of one flat /apartment unit i.e. flat no. B-305 measuring s super built up area of 1396 Sq ft (which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common area), situated in Third floor, in B –Block, with one covered Car Parking space in surface floor, in the residential apartment building known as "ABAN DESIRE", Being constructed on the Schedule –A Property.

Property -2 : Schedule –A Property (Description of entire property on which Apartment being constructed) : All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising converted land (converted vide official memorandum No ALN(A)-(HS)-SR-02/2011-12 dated 11.05.2011, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) bearing Sy No.216 situated at S Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2.00 Acres and bounded on: East by:Narayana Reddys Land in Sy No. 216,West by : Chikka Munireddy Land in Sy No. 214, North by : property bearing Sy no.215, South by :Road

Schedule -B Property (Description of the Undivided Interest of land agreed to be conveyed) : 493.650 Sq ft Undivided share, Right, Title and interest and ownership in Schedule A Property, Which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule C Apartment unit.

Schedule -C Property (Description of the apartment unit/flat agreed to be conveyed) : All that piece and parcel of one flat /apartment unit i.e. flat no. B-304 measuring s super built up area of 1097 Sq ft (which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common area), situated in Third floor, in B –Block, with one covered Car Parking space in surface floor, in the residential apartment building known as "ABAN DESIRE", Being constructed on the Schedule –A Property.

Date : 28.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender

DRM(S&T) NWR, Ajmer on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender for the following work up to 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No.:** 1. DRM-S&T-10-2026-27, 2. DRM-S&T-11-2026-27, 3. DRM-S&T-12-2026-27, 4. DRM-S&T-13-2026-27, **Name of Work:** 1. Ajmer Division: Provision of S&T work in C/W Construction of RUB in lieu of LC 9, 15, 17, 38, 40 and 50 with Covering shed at these LCs for elimination in COR-UDZ section over Ajmer Division NWR. 2. Ajmer Division: Provision for reliability improvement and upkeep/sustaining of various components/parts of DAC (MSDAC) at various stations over Ajmer Division. 3. Ajmer Division:- Provision of S&T Associated work in C/W Madar - Karjoda TTR (FS+TWS+WCMSC) -1 in 12- 111-Nos. in Ajmer Division NWR. 4. Ajmer Division-Provision of 4x48F OFC for Indigenous Train Collision Avoidance System over All Division of NWR (568.24 R kms) (Umbrella Work 2024-25). **Approximate cost of work:** 1. Rs. 9451711.55, 2. Rs. 21752585.65, 3. Rs. 18435142.90, 4. Rs. 409040063.27, **Bid security:** 1. Rs. 189000.00, 2. Rs. 435100.00, 3. Rs 368700.00, 4. Rs 8180800.00. **Date & Time of opening E-Tender-** 25.05.2026 at 15.30 Hrs. The details of above E-Tender are available on website www.ireps.gov.in **624-PS/26**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No. 146, formed in Sy No. 19 of Sarakki Layout, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, formed Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore measuring East to West: 15.24 Mtrs and North to South: 24.38 Mtrs and bounded on: East by: Site No. 147, West by: Site No. 145, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 155.

Whereas My Client **Dr. Kalabharathi H.L., W/o Dr. Dinesh**, R/O: No. 3045/ CH 38, 8th Main, Thonachikoppal, Nagalingeshwara Swamy temple Road, MYSORE intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner Mr. Mastan Shariff @ Noorulla Sharief, S/o. Mahmood Sharieff Aged about 60 years, R/O: No.-19/D, Umar Bagh Layout, 4th Cross, J.P.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560078.

Take Notice that you are hereby called upon, if anyone has any claim any right, interest, in respect of the Schedule Property OR objections in My Client purchasing the Schedule Property, they may meet us in our Office with the relevant papers in connection to the Schedule Property or contact us in writing within 7 days of this Notice.

M.B.SUJATHA, Advocate
Off: No. 221,Indian Mutual Building, LIC of India, 2nd Floor, Near Ulsoor Gate Police Station Bangalore-560002
Email:sujathakadripathi@gmail.com
Ph: 9880185508

UCO BANK (A Govt. of India Undertaking) — KENGERI BRANCH

Mysore Road Opp: Kengeri Police Station, Bangalore-560060.

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

(Under Section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Rule 8 of the security interest (enforcement) Rules 2002 for Immovable Property)

Loan A/c No:- 02970610023303

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **UCO Bank, Kengeri Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the **Demand Notice dated 24.02.2026** calling upon the Borrower: **(1) Shri. Krishnappa** S/o Late Byrappa, Residing at House No 201, S.No.231,Chikkanahalli Village, Tavarekere, Hobli Bangalore South-562130. **(2) Smt. Lakshmi Devamma** Wife of Shri. Krishnappa, Residing at House No 201, S.No.231,Chikkanahalli Village, Tavarekere, Hobli Bangalore South-562130 to repay the amount in the Notice being **Rs.2,57,496.88/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Six and eighty eight Paise only)** as on 31.01.2026 with interest from 31.01.2026 plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 on **29.04.2026**

The Borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO BANK for amount of being **Rs.2,57,496.88/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Six and eighty eight Paise only)** as on 31.01.2026 with interest from 31.01.2026 plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc.

SCHEDULE - 'C'
PART-II
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Equitable Mortgage of properties Comprising: Land & Building Belonging to **(1)Shri. Krishnappa S/o Late Byrappa**

All that part and parcel of immovable house property bearing baring VP Khata No. 231/201 (in erstwhile Sy.No.100), Chikkanahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist. 562130, measuring east to west : 60 ft and north to South : (60+40)/2 ft and **Bounded on** North: Property belonging to BN Munkrishnappa, South: By Road, East: By Road, West: Property belonging to Late Kempakadaraiah

Date: 29.04.2026, Place: Bangalore **Authorised officer, UCO Bank**

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED

P.B. NO. 120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN –573201
PH NO : 08172-295436 FAX: 08172-240640 E-mail Address:purchase.hamul@gmail.com

IFT NO.HCMU/PUR/ EPROC/ 483 /2026-27 DATE:28/04/2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM E-TENDER TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER

HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for 1) Supply of Sugar for Pet Bottle & Ice-cream Plant: details available in e portal 2) Quantity & EMD amount: as per bid notification available in e-portal.3) Last date for submission of tender: **08.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM.** 4) Technical bid opening: **11.05.2026 at 11.00 AM.** 5) Address for communication: **Deputy Manager (Pur)** at the above address. 6) Tender document may be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/. www.hamul.coop /KMF/2026-27/IND2181**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & Infrastructure Corporation Limited

Office of the Project Director (Housing), 4-Sa-24, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur-302004 (RAJ.)
Tel & fax : 0141-4001187, Email : rudsico.housing@rajasthan.gov.in

No. :- RUDSICO/PD (H.)/Jpr/2026-27/74 Date :- 28/04/2026

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for various construction repair works at Bilara (Jodhpur) & Jaipur are invited from interested bidder up to 18:00hrs, 11.05.2026 for Item no. 1 to 2 under single bid system and Auditorium construction work at Gangapur City (Sawai Madhopur) up to 18:00 hrs, 19.05.2026 for Item no. 1 under two bid system on E-procurement for E-NIT 04/2026-27. Other particulars of the Bids may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in , http://sppp.raj.nic.in** of the state. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 1314.01 Lacs.

NIT No. 04/2026-27

UBN - RDP2627WSOB00008, RDP2627WSOB00009 & RDP2627WLOB00010

Raj.Samwad/C/26/1806 **General Manager, RUDSICO, Jaipur**

Muthoot MCred Limited

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public and borrowers that gold ornaments pledged against loans in the below-mentioned branches will be auctioned due to non-repayment of dues despite repeated reminders.

BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED 1 FIRST FLOOR NO 1/1 J C CIRCLE KR ROAD HOSAKOTE HOSAKOTE BANGALORE RURAL KARNATAKA 562114 AUCTION DATE: 08.06.2026
KAR-HOSAKOTE: 706213506, 706214139, 706214548, 706214554, 706214777, 706214813, 706215080, 706215207, 706215250. **KAR-NELAMANGALA:** 1978.

BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED #8/14 SM ROAD NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE JALAHALLI WEST BANGALORE KARNATAKA 560015 AUCTION DATE: 08.06.2026
KAR-A D HALLI: 12878, 12879, 12905. **KAR-ANJANANAGAR:** 14877, 14923, 15590, 15675, 15794, 15795. **KAR-ASWATH NAGAR:** 2016, 2080, 2138, 2193, 2562. **KAR-ATHEBELE:** 9118, 9314, 9342, 9545, 9668, 9672, 9676, 9859. **KAR-BANASHANKARI:** 14103, 14104, 14105, 14106, 14110, 14470. **KAR-BOMMANAHALLI:** 21870, 21929, 22060, 22141. **KAR-BTM LAYOUT:** 29208, 29371, 29450. **KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA:** 16163, 16164, 16165, 16437, 18081, 18082. **KAR-GANDHI BAZAAR:** 3979, 4158, 4245. **KAR-GIRINAGAR:** 31986, 32174, 32175, 32690, 32691, 32692. **KAR-HEBBAGODI:** 29284, 29906, 30106, 30188, 30682, 30754, 30778, 33278. **KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE:** 12757, 13055, 13080, 13324, 13378, 13423, 13456, 13463, 13486, 13507, 13519, 13521, 13554. **KAR-HENNUR:** 706309666, 706309758, 706309967, 706310001. **KAR-HOSA ROAD:** 35554, 36267, 36355, 36388, 36415. **KAR-HSR LAYOUT:** 32578, 32774, 32791, 32818, 33249, 33331, 33333, 33420, 33520, 33578, 33626, 33665, 33671, 33710, 33891, 33929, 33944. **KAR-INFANTRY ROAD:** 9852. **KAR-JALAHALLI:** 25874, 26242, 26998, 27411, 27436. **KAR-JAYANAGAR:** 12380, 12691. **KAR-JP NAGAR:** 22848, 22854, 22889, 23425, 23793, 23834, 23905, 23908, 23913, 23996, 24115. **KAR-JP NAGAR-2:** 1921, 2204, 2213, 2252, 2253, 2274, 2317, 2334, 2373. **KAR-K.R PURAM:** 78708251, 78708304, 78708425, 78708937. **KAR-KAMMANAHALLI:** 34610, 35107, 35189. **KAR-KOTHANNUR:** 512616020, 512616687, 512616710. **KAR-KUMBALGODU:** 21293, 21365, 21444, 21514, 21623, 21761, 21928, 21936, 22005, 22010. **KAR-LALBAGH:** 16936, 16956. **KAR-M.S.PALYA:** 30009967, 30010237, 30010469, 30010669, 30010670, 30010947, 30011333. **KAR-MADIVALA:** 16840, 16945, 16979, 17007, 17408. **KAR-MALLESHWARAM:** 11689, 11917. **KAR-MANJUNATHA NAGAR:** 23531, 23648, 23955, 24075, 24382, 24383, 24530, 24675. **KAR-MARUTHISEVA NAGAR:** 34282. **KAR-MATHIKERE:** 512614683, 512614742, 512614864, 512615061, 512615166, 512615563, 512615902, 512616189, 512616879, 512617186. **KAR-MOODALAPALYA:** 21304, 21308, 21394, 21406. **KAR-MUTHANALLUR:** 706209900, 706210606, 706210715. **KAR-NAGARABHAVI:** 13166, 13170, 13267, 13404, 13637, 13725. **KAR-PEENYA:** 1086518, 1086626. **KAR-RAJAJINAGAR:** 13639. **KAR-RAMAMURTHY NAGAR:** 19066. **KAR-RT NAGAR:** 55203406, 55203407, 55203458, 55203701, 55203745, 55203747, 55203788. **KAR-SANJAY NAGAR:** 12605, 13013, 13075, 13273. **KAR-SARJAPUR** ROAD: 18201, 18360, 18363, 18367, 18405, 18407, 18437, 18748, 18839, 18856, 18905, 18916, 18919, 18921, 18942, 18972, 18974, 18988, 18990. **KAR-SBM COLONY:** 12290, 12579, 12581. **KAR-SRINAGAR:** 16797. **KAR-SUMANAHALLI:** 30017308. **KAR-SUNKADAKATTE:** 25426, 25615. **KAR-T.C.PALYA:** 19226, 19349, 19541, 19542, 19834, 19980, 19992, 20361, 20409, 20697, 20708, 20799, 20812, 21035, 21081, 21091, 21101, 21106, 21108. **KAR-THANISANDRA:** 11583, 11596, 12130. **KAR-THIPPASANDRA:** 37399, 37455, 37619, 37621, 38116, 38175, 38177, 38236, 38371, 38381, 38416, 38462, 38517, 38534. **KAR-UTTARAHALLI:** 324186, 324250, 324266, 324297. **KAR-VIDYARANYAPURA:** 98624029, 98624036, 98624042. **KAR-VIJAYNAGAR:** 11901, 11946, 11952, 11999. **KAR-VIVEKNAGAR:** 23152, 23492, 23683, 23747, 23769, 23819, 23866, 23929, 23933, 24007, 24135, 24157, 24363, 24438, 24441, 24478, 24507, 24532, 24553, 24585, 24609, 24654, 24659, 24662, 24698. **KAR-WILSON GARDEN:** 18793, 18859, 18908, 18909, 18910, 18926, 19194. **KAR-YESHWANTHPUR:** 706211525, 706212433.

BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED ABR TOWER ,2ND FLOOR, ABOVE MAYURA PARADISE ,OPP.KSRTC BUSTAND, IJOOR , BM ROAD,RAMANAGARA- KARNATAKA- 562159 AUCTION DATE: 04.06.2026
KAR-BIDADI: 22551, 22831. **KAR-RAMANAGARA:** 25262.

CHAMARAJNAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED # 34 SRI RAMA COMPLEX BANAJIGARA BUILDING SAMPIGE ROAD CHAMARAJANAGAR KARNATAKA 571313 AUCTION DATE: 11.06.2026
KAR-CHAMARAJA NAGARA: 24399, 24419, 24460, 24559, 24706, 25040, 25158. **KAR-GUNDLUPET:** 37583, 37707, 37708, 38508. **KAR-KOLLEGALA:** 15763, 15780, 15870, 15971, 16070, 16255, 16585, 16619, 16669, 16720.

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED .1ST FLOOR,2535/B,SUVARANA COMPLEX.OPPOSITE SHANKAR TALKES ,LAXMI BAZAR ROAD CHITRADURGA KARNATAKA-577501 AUCTION DATE: 05.06.2026
KAR-HOLALKERE: 24232, 24555, 24803, 24928, 24930, 24980, 25046, 25072.

DAVANAGERE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED SREE KOTTURESHWARA COMPLEX 1ST CROSS ASHOKA ROAD DAVANGERE KARNATAKA 577001 AUCTION DATE: 02.06.2026
KAR-DAVANAGERE: 512615705, 512615851, 512615854, 512616192, 512616514, 512616694, 512617869, 512618012, 512618360.

HASSAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED 1ST FLOOR SNS COMPLEX OPP MAHAVEERA PETROL BUNK B M ROAD HASSAN,KARNATAKA 573201. AUCTION DATE: 09.06.2026
KAR-ARSIKERE: 706211896, 706212316, 706212334, 706212380, 706212617, 706212621, 706213439, 706215469, 706215471, 706215472, 706215685, 706216512. **KAR-BM ROAD-HASSAN:** 25171, 25612, 26227, 26515. **KAR-CHENNARAYAPATNA:** 21518, 21626, 21758, 21814, 22090, 22091, 22137, 22262, 22312, 22764. **KAR-RC ROAD:** 23653, 24022, 24075, 24115, 24116, 24279, 24287, 24363, 24649, 24678, 25053, 25101, 25238, 25369, 25602, 25798.

MANDYA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED SIDDALINGESHWARA COMPLEX DURGABHAVAN CIRCLE K R PETE MANDYA KARNATAKA 571426 AUCTION DATE: 13.06.2026
KAR-KR PET: 24138.

MYSORE DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED 4583/1 GANESHA TEMPLE ROAD NEAR MARUTHI CIRCLE N R MOHALLA MYSORE KARNATAKA 570007 AUCTION DATE: 13.06.2026
KAR-AGRAHARA: 16442, 16529, 16533, 17279. **KAR-CHAMARAJA DOUBLE ROAD:** 13466. **KAR-HEBBAL MYSORE:** 515132, 516113. **KAR-HINKAL:** 14876. **KAR-NANJANGUD:** 23614. **KAR-NR MOHALLA:** 40215, 40278. **KAR-SARASWATHIPURAM:** 10301. **KAR-THERESIAN COLLEGE CIRCLE:** 21201, 21694, 21839, 22247, 23886. **KAR-VIVEK CIRCLE:** 30032437.

SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED 1ST FLOOR C.N ROAD BEHIND GOVT.HOSPITAL NEAR RANGAPPA CIRCLE OPP JAYANTHI STORE, BHADRAVATHI KARNATAKA -577301 AUCTION DATE: 12.06.2026
KAR-BHADRAVATHI: 706210626, 706211100, 706211532. **KAR-SAGARA:** 12448, 12575, 12777, 13116, 13145, 13269, 13720, 13724, 13731, 13814, 13863, 13934, 14080, 14086, 14093, 14216, 14274, 14325, 14330, 14378. **KAR-VIDYANAGAR:** 19779, 19780, 19871, 19900, 19914, 20006, 20043, 20044, 20284, 20414, 20434, 20452, 20453, 20504, 20795, 20898, 21379, 21413. **KAR-VINOBHANAGAR:** 76206254.

TUMKUR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOT MCRED LIMITED FIRST FLOOR OPP BHARATH PETROLEUM BUNK T V V CIRCLE MADHUGIRI TUMKUR KARNATAKA 572132 AUCTION DATE: 06.06.2026
KAR-KORATEGERE: 24280, 24485, 24487, 24577, 24623, 24669, 24681, 24717, 24933, 25335, 25416, 25445, 25449. **KAR-KUNIGAL:** 34885, 34907, 34945, 35069, 35072, 35935. **KAR-MADHUGIRI:** 22057, 22225, 22645, 23305, 23383, 23505, 23600, 23601, 23709. **KAR-MANDIPET:** 77006031, 77006204, 77006246, 77006248, 77006350. **KAR-PAVAGADA:** 453. **KAR-SIRA:** 30018274. **KAR-TIPTUR:** 24467, 24481, 24482, 24483, 24485.

The auction will be conducted through public auction / e-auction in the presence of approved auctioneers. The Company reserves the right to reschedule or shift the auction without further notice in case of auction process is not completed on the scheduled date. If the auction in the district is unsuccessful on the notified date, the same may be conducted on a later date in a neighbouring district or through an online auction, without any further notice. Any changes in the auction schedule, if any, will be displayed at the respective branches and auction centres.
For further information, terms and conditions and getting registered to participate in auction, interested buyers may contact directly to auction department of Muthoot MCred Limited (formerly known as Muthoottu Mini Financiers Limited) at mail id: auction@muthootmcred.com.

Note: -
1.Bidders are requested to produce identity card/Authorization/Pan card no. /GST Certificate with an EMD of Rs.2, 00,000/- to the company's account for the participation.
2.Successful bidders should transfer the full amount by RTGS.

Place: Kaloor,
Date: 01/05/2026.

Authorised Officer,
Muthoot MCred Limited

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Additional Commissioner (Development), RHB Colony, ITPL Main Road, Opp to Phoenix Mall, Bengaluru - 560048

No: BECC/ADC/DEV/336/2026-27 Date:30-04-2026

NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru East City Corporation invites application from Retired District and Sessions Judge for the post of the **"Head of The Legal Cell"**

- Experience/Knowledge in BBMP/GBA/Corporation related laws and related cases filed before the Hon'ble High court and Hon'ble subordinate courts.
- Tenure of the Post one year Initially Continuation up to 3 years based on performance.
- Consolidated Salary as per K.C.S Rules.
- Leave and Medical Facilities as per the BECC Employees.
- Mode of selection through an interview.

Application on plain paper with complete Bio-data and supporting documents addressed to the "Commissioner, Bengaluru East City Corporation RHB Colony, ITPL Main Road, Opp To Phoenix Mall, Bengaluru -560048" duly superscribing on the cover as "Application for the post of Head of Legal Cell" should reach on or before date:**14-05-2026**. Only application sent through post will be accepted.

Sd/- Additional Commissioner (Development)
Bengaluru East City Corporation

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया — Union Bank of India

A Government of India Undertaking

Ulsoor Road Branch

No.21, Ulsoor Road, Opp: Telephone Exchange Bengaluru-560042
Ph: 8355820991, Email: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(See Rule 8(1) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) [Rule - 8 (1)]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **14.01.2026** calling upon the Borrower / Co-Borrower: **(1) Mr. Ramaiah.K.M,** No.49, Hosabeedi, Kote, Kanakapura, Ramanagara District 562112. **(2) Mrs. Radha H** W/o Ramaiah K M, No.49, Hosabeedi, Kote, Kanakapura, Ramanagara District 562112, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.1,32,55,674.31 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Thirty One only) as on 31.12.2025** with interest/Charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rule on this **April 28th day of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch** for an amount **Rs.1,32,55,674.31 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Thirty One only)** and further interest/charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

(Description of immovable property):

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.23, V P Khata No.719/34/3, BBMP Khata No.719/34/3/23, formed by Gubbalala village Sy. No.34/3, measuring East to West 60 feet and North toSouth 45 feet totally measuring 2700 Sq.ft with building constructed thereon, situated at Gubbalalu village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and bounded on: East By: Site No.14, West By: Road, North By: Site No.22, South By: Site No. 24

Date: 28.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

UCO BANK (A Govt. of India Undertaking) — KENGERI BRANCH

Mysore Road Opp: Kengeri Police Station, Bangalore-560060.

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

(Under Section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Rule 8 of the security interest (enforcement) Rules 2002 for Immovable Property)

Loan A/c No:- 02970610021699, 02970510000298

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **UCO Bank, Kengeri Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the **Demand Notice dated 24.02.2026** calling upon the Borrower: **1) Sri S Shivanna (Prop: Om Shree Garments)** Son of Sanjeevappa, Residing at No.355, Shetty Layout, 5th main, Ullal Upanagar, Bangalore- 560056. **(2) Smt. Rukmini** Wife of Sri S Shivanna, Residing at No.355, Shetty Layout, 5th main, Ullal Upanagar, Bangalore- 560056 to repay the amount in the Notice being **Rs.11,25,584 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four only)** as on 31.01.2026 with interest from 31.01.2026 plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 on **29.04.2026**

The Borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO BANK for amount of being **Rs.11,25,584 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four only)** as on 31.01.2026 with interest from 31.01.2026 plus accrued interest, incidental expenses, cost & charges etc.

SCHEDULE - 'C'
PART-II
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Equitable Mortgage of properties Comprising: Land & Building Belonging to **Sri S Shivanna s/o Sri Sanjeevappa and Smt. Rukmini W/o S.Shivanna**

All that part and parcel of immovable house property bearing present BBMP Khata No 19/199/355, (in sy. No.199) situated in Setty Layout, Ullalu Upanagar, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560056, Measuring East to West 40.00 FT & North to South 30.00 FT in all measuring 1200 SQ FT and **Bounded on:** North: Property belongs to Srikanth, South: Property belongs to Sri Mahammed, East: Property belongs to Smt Lakshmamma, West: Road.

Date: 29.04.2026, Place: Bangalore **Authorised officer, UCO Bank**

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HSR LAYOUT BRANCH

Address : No. 4C, Khata No. 62/62/4/C, Near to Play School, 5th Block, HSR Layout, Near Park and Fernhill Apartments, Bengaluru - 560102.
Email : HSRLAYOUT.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

Ref : HSR/SARFAESI/2025-26/01 **Date : 02.04.2026**

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

To,

Mr. Naganjuneya .P.V., H.No. 5 1 181, 1st Floor, FL 101, Indiranagar, Opp. Kesav Reddy School, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500090.
Also At : Flat No. 475-LIG-A, Second Floor, Block No. 50, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd Stage, Valagerahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560060.

Sir / Madam,

At the request made by you, **Bank of India, HSR Layout Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") has granted a Housing Loan to you for an amount of **Rs. 21,60,000.00 sanctioned on 14.01.2020.** We give here under details of advance facility granted by the bank and the outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of notice :-

Nature of Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Date of Sanction	Outstanding Dues
Home Loan	Rs. 21,60,000/-	14.01.2020	Rs. 24,64,589.61 with further interest on monthly rests

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following Assets / Securities (Particulars of Properties / Assets charged to Bank) :-

Equitable Mortgage of the Property in the name of Mr. Naganjuneya .P.V. at Flat No. 475-LIG-A, BBMP Khata No. 1071/1229/474+475+746 LIC - A/B-50, Second Floor, Block No. 50, Karnataka Housing Board 3rd Stage, Valagerahalli / Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560060 712.35 Sq.Ft. and **bounded on the : East by :** Open Space (Below), **West by :** Tenement No. 471 (Amalgamated), **North by :** Tenement No. 480 LIG-A & Staircase of Building, **South by :** Setback of Road (Below).

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank, under the said credit facilities we have classified your account as **Non-Performing Asset** with effect **from 30.03.2026** in accordance with the directions / guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank a sum of **Rs. 24,64,589.61 as on 30.03.2026** with further interest thereon compounded with monthly rests in Housing Loan and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank till repayment by you within period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.
5. While we call upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Banks together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.
6. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues are fully recovered, shall be paid to you.
7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realized in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you and your other assets including by filing legal / recovery actions before Debts Recovery Tribunal / Courts, for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.
8. Please take note that as per Sub-Section (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, gift, mortgage or otherwise.
9. The undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.
10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

Date : 02.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

For Bank of India,
Chief Manager

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: " CHOLA CREST " C 54 & 55, Super B - 4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVALBE PROPERTY

E-auction sale Notice of Immovabe Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rue 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the pubic in genera and in particuar to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor (s) that the beow-described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Office of Cholamangalam Invenstment and Finance Company Limited the same be referred hereinafter as Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", **"As is what is", and Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction.** It is hereby infromed to the General Public that we are going to conduct a public a E-Auction through the website https://bankauctions.in/.

BRANCH : Municipal No. 45, (Old Nos. 45 and 45-1), 2nd Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560027.

1. **Loan Account Nos. : HE01BAN00000035179, HE01BHC00000054152, HE01BHC00000071285, HE01BHC00000096415 AND HE01BHC00000096661, Name of borrower/co-borrower : 1) Fayaz S** No.396/324, Vijayanagara, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560066. **2) Fayaz S** No.2, Medimallasandra Hosakote Taluk, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka – 562114. **3) Raziya M** No.2, Medimallasandra Hosakote Taluk, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka – 562114. **4) Hazira N** No.2, Medimallasandra Hosakote Taluk, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka – 562114. **5) Hazira N** No.396/324, Vijayanagara, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560066. **6) Mehaboob Pasha** No.2, Medimallasandra Hosakote Taluk, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka – 562114. **7) Shifa Enterprises** No.245, Soukya Road, Somethanahallai Hoskote Anugondanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560067.
Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) : 14-08-2025 & Rs. 3,04,82,023/- as on 14-08-2025
Description of the Property : Property No.1 All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.1, Old No Sy.No.92/2, New No.92/4, Situated at Medimallasandra Village, Anugodanahalli Hobli, Hosakote, Bangalore Gramathan District, now comes under the limits of Anugondanahalli Village Panchayath, Measuring 5717 Square feet, along with building constructed thereon, and bounded an: East by: Road, West by: Remaining Property of Same Site, North by: Remaining Property of Same Site, South by: Remaining Property of Same Site, Within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs. 2,51,00,000/- EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT : Rs. 25,10,000 : BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 1,00,000/-

Property No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.92/6 (Old No.92/2) Situated at Medimallasandar Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District presently within the limits of Anugondanahalli Grama Panchayath Measuring East to West on Northern Side 90 feet on Southern Side 87.10 feet and North to South Eastern Side 75 feet on Western side 91 feet totally measuring 7349.65 Square feet, along with building constructed thereon and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Property belongs to Sy.No.92/2. (Symbolic Possession)

RESERVE PRICE : Rs. 2,31,00,000/-, EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT : Rs. 23,10,000/-, BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 1,00,000/-

BRANCH : 2nd Floor No.1143 MIG 16th B Cross 2nd Stage B Sector Yelahanka New Town Bangalore - 560064.

2. **Loan Account Nos. : ML01YAA00000029121, Name of borrower/co-borrower : 1) Venkatlakshmi Naidu,** No .06, 1st A Cross, Nisarga Layout, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli Colony, Marathahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560037. **2) Venugopal Naidu Devi,** No. 06, 1st A Cross, Nisarga Layout, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli Colony, Marathahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560037. **3) Veeraswamy Venugopal Naidu,** No. 06, 1st A Cross, Nisarga Layout, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli Colony, Marathahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560037. **4) Raja Tours And Travels,** No. 06, 1st A Cross, Nisarga Layout, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli Colony, Marathahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560037. **Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) : 04-02-2025 & Rs.30,46,992/- as on 04-02-2025, Description of the Property :** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing premises portion (Southern Side) of HASB Katha No.650/2, Situated at Doddanekundi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently within the limits of BBMP, and bounded On : East by : 20 Feet Road, West by : Krishna Reddy's Property, North by : Northern Portion of Khatha No.650/2, South by : J.Jayalakshmamma's Property bearing Katha No.650/1. Measuring East to West 35 Feet, North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1400 Square feet along with Constructed building thereon, within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office. **(Symbolic Possession)**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs. 1,18,00,000/-, EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT : Rs. 11,80,000/-, BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 1,00,000/-

3. **Loan Account Nos. : ML01YAA00000059756, Name of borrower/co-borrower : 1) Krishnamurthy Varthuru Jagadish**, No. 65, Near Sri Maramma Devi Temple, Tavarekere, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562130. **2) Bavani Shankar Deepa,** No. 65, Near Sri Maramma Devi Temple, Tavarekere, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562130. **3) Balaji Enterprises,** No. 65, Near Sri Maramma Devi Temple, Tavarekere, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562130. **Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) : 07-04-2025 & Rs. 20,59,646/- as on 07-04-2025, Description of the Property :** All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Site No.36, Katha No.33/36, Ekatha No.150200300801100039, Situated at, Varthur Village, Chokanayakanahalli Village Panchayath, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Presently within the limits of Chokanayakanahalli Village Panchayath and Measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 150 Feet in all measuring 2250 Square Feet and along with building constructed thereon, **bounded on the : East by :** Property of Venkanna, **West by :** Property of Nagaraju, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Road, Within the registration district of Bangalore and sub registration office. **(Symbolic Possession)**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs. 40,00,000/-, EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT : Rs. 4,00,000/-, BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 50,000/-

E-Auction Date and Times : 22-05-2026 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 3 min. each)
EMD Submission Last Date : 21-05-2026 (up to 5.30.P.M), Inspection Date : 18-05-2026 and 19-05-2026 (10.00 A.M to 1.00. P.M)

1. All Interest participants / bidders are requested to visit the **website https://bankauctions.in/ & https://www.cholamandalam.com/auction-notices.** For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **Mr. Muhammed Ruhees - 81240 00030/6374845616, Ms. 4 Closure, Mr. Rekha - 8142000062, Email : CholaAuctionAP@chola.murugappa.com,** 2. For further details on terms and conditions please visit : **https://bankauctions.in & www.cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices** to take part in e-auction.

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SAE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Date : 01.05.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, HOLALKERE-577526, CHITRADURGA (Dist)

E-mail ID: apmcholalkere@gmail.com Ph No:08191-275113

No: APMC(hola) RIDF-31 /42 /2026-27 Date:30-04-2026.

SHORT TERM BRIEF E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd CALL)

APMC Holalkere hereby invites Tender for following **DEVELOPMENT OF RAITHA SANTHE AT HOLALKERE APMC LIMITS UNDER RIDF-31 SCHEME 2025-26 (RM-31018) INDENT NO:APMC/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT866** /CALL-2 from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractor in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 through E-procurement portal. The contractors have to submit all tender related documents. Item-wised rates etc. by uploading through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in website in standard documents **KW-4** (with Latest amendments)

(1) Tender Publication Date: **30-04-2026** (2) Pre-Bid Tender Query Meeting :**07-05-2026** at:**11:00** AM (3) Last Date for Receipt of filling Tender : **21-05-2026** at: **4:30** P.M (4) Opening of Technical Bid Date: **25-05-2026** at: **4.30** PM (if possible) (5) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **29-05-2026** at: **4.30** PM (if possible) (6) 18% GST will be paid separately (7) Place of E-Tender bid **APMC Holalkere**

Name of Work: (1) **DEVELOPMENT OF RAITHA SANTHE AT HOLALKERE APMC LIMITS UNDER RIDF-31 SCHEME 2025-26 (RM-31018) INDENT NO: APMC/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT866** / CALL-2 (2) Amount put to Tender (in Rs) **4.17.93.936/-** (3) EMD Amount (in Rs) **6.27.000/-**(4) Time limit: 5 ½ months (excluding monsoon period) (5) Eligible of the Contractors/ Firms:- Registered PWD Class-1 Civil Contractor.(6)Tender Fee :-As per E-governance. Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary. Agricultural Produce Market Committee Holalkere Mob:9448610923 during working days and office hours or through website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The Committee reserve the right accept or reject tenders without assigning any reason. The work bill will be paid according as per sanctioned grant. Any amendment will be published on the above website.

Sd/- **(G.S. Suresh)**
Secretary, APMC, Holalkere

Sd/- **(Chaithra .K)**
Administrator
APMC, Holalkere

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/79/2026-27

EDITORIAL

"The Indian Constitution is a federal instrument. However, right from its inception, the Indian ruling classes have been engaged in ensuring that a unitary structure is allowed to overwhelm the political scenario" — Jyoti Basu

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— Ramnath Goenka

UAE'S EXIT FROM OPEC SIGNALS SHIFT TOWARDS COMPETITIVE OIL ORDER

THE UAE's exit from Opec after nearly six decades is not just a cartel rupture. It is a clear signal that the model of coordinated oil market control is weakening under pressure from geopolitics, volatility and energy transition. For a group built on cohesion, largely anchored by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the departure of its third largest producer marks a structural shift. It lays bare long-running tensions within the bloc, especially between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh, over production strategy. Saudi Arabia has pushed supply restraint to support prices. The UAE, with rising capacity and an aggressive economic diversification agenda, has chafed at these limits. Its exit also reflects a deeper shift in oil producers' behaviour. Low-cost producers with expansion headroom may want to strike when the iron is hot.

Thanks to the Gulf war, prices have already posted record gains in the wake of what the International Energy Agency has characterised as "the most severe oil supply shock in history". But some of the shortfall has been offset by higher supplies from Brazil and the US. Down the year, more supplies are expected from Norway, Canada and Guyana, too. The IEA's updated outlook warns of a broader "demand destruction" in the near term, which would also weigh on prices. Over time, a structurally weaker Opec means greater options for buyers.

For India, the shift presents a strategic opening. As the world's third largest oil importer, it stands to benefit from increased supply and competitive pricing. The UAE's plan to raise output to 5 million barrels per day by 2027 would strengthen its role as a dependable supplier. Proximity adds a critical edge. Shorter shipping routes reduce freight costs and improve supply responsiveness compared to distant sources such as the US, Venezuela or Brazil. It could also rebalance India's crude basket, reinforcing supply stability at a time when global energy corridors are under stress. This deepens an already robust bilateral energy relationship and gives Indian refiners greater flexibility.

However, the upside comes with risk. A fragmented producer landscape may also increase price volatility. For India, the priority must be to lock in long-term supply arrangements with key partners while continuing to diversify sources and accelerate its transition to cleaner energy. The UAE's departure does not end Opec's relevance, but it clearly signals a shift from collective market management to competitive production.

SOUTHERN PANCHAYATS SHOW WAY TO PROGRESS

THE North-South disparity in development isn't just a narrative. It's a fact that needs to be reiterated to evaluate the factors, highlight the success stories and facilitate effective interventions. The Union panchayati raj ministry's latest performance report makes this contrast starker, with nationwide data underlining how the southern states have significantly and consistently outperformed their northern counterparts in rural governance across parameters such as health, education, water, sanitation, infrastructure, poverty alleviation, and women and children's development.

The report, which is meant to serve as a tool for monitoring, planning and incentivising local bodies, evaluated more than 2.5 lakh gram panchayats on 150 indicators and 230 data points gathered in 2023-24. The list of panchayats ranked as 'achievers' is dominated by those from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Odisha, while most local bodies from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan are at the lower end of the ranking.

The report must lead to a critical evaluation of the factors that separate the high performers from the laggards. Historically, what has set the South apart from the North is the effective implementation of decentralised governance models, an important factor in progress at the grassroots level. Besides, the southern states have traditionally placed a higher value on education and creation of public infrastructure, leading to better quality of education, higher literacy rates and improved access to health services. Besides, with fewer policy disruptions, the southern panchayats have been fairly stable and more effective. For example, states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu have focused intensely on social welfare and nutrition through mid-day meals and the public distribution system irrespective of the ruling regime.

The findings are timely pointers to the rights and wrongs of local bodies. As Mahatma Gandhi insisted, meaningful nation-building must begin in gram panchayats—the foundational, grassroots-level democratic institutions. The performance of the achievers of them shows that the key to success lies in improving primary education and healthcare services, ensuring social progress and higher literacy rates, effectively implementing welfare schemes and facilitating digital connectivity. Above all, what makes a local body truly democratic and efficient is a higher sense of accountability and social responsibility. The report must lead to self-introspection and effective interventions wherever necessary.

QUICK TAKE

SUMMER FASHION

CENTRAL security forces reportedly sent back two voters from a polling booth in southern Bengal's Gaihata Assembly constituency on Wednesday because they were wearing lungis. They went back to vote in Kuchlia village after changing into trousers. Meanwhile, another kind of polling was recently conducted in Japan. When the country's meteorological agency asked people to come up with a new term for days registering at least 40°C, *kokusho-bi* or 'brutally hot day' came on top. Last week, inspired by Japan's Cool Biz energy-saving initiative, the Tokyo city government encouraged public servants to swap suits for shorts this summer to reduce dependence on air-conditioning. Clothing should be comfortable and climate-friendly first, less dictated by communal or traditional considerations. And lungi, veshti and dhoti are all appropriate options for our warming planet.

The judiciary should not aim to silence the campus; it should aim to protect the campus from the street. Student activism without party politics can balance academic discipline with democratic vigour

CAMPUS AS A CRUCIBLE: A WAY TO REIMAGINE STUDENT POLITICS

SHASHI THAROOR

Lok Sabha MP, Chair of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and Sahitya Akademi-winning author

SOURAV ROY

THE recent discourse surrounding the Kerala High Court's stance on campus politics—in which the court favoured a "congenial atmosphere" free from "political influence"—touches a raw nerve in the Indian educational landscape. It presents us with a false dichotomy: we are told we must choose either the sterile, apolitical silence of a 'purely academic' institution, or the chaotic, often violent mirror of state-level partisan warfare.

This choice is not only reductive; it is dangerous for the future of Indian democracy. To suggest that universities should be sanitised of political activism is to ignore their fundamental role as a laboratory for citizenship. However, the critics of campus politics are not entirely wrong; the infiltration of mainstream political parties into student life has often replaced intellectual debate with muscle power. The way forward lies not in banning politics, but in decoupling student activism from external party machinery.

A university is more than a degree factory; it is the first space where a young person interacts with the State and society as an independent adult. If we treat students as passive recipients of knowledge until the day they graduate, we cannot expect them to suddenly emerge as informed, critical and engaged citizens.

Political discussion, engagement and activism are essential pedagogical tools. They teach students how to negotiate differences, how to organise for a cause, and how to hold authority accountable. When a student group protests a fee hike or debates a national policy, they are practising the very mechanics of a healthy democracy. By barring these activities, we are effectively telling the next generation that 'politics' is a dirty business best left to professionals, rather than a civic duty shared by all.

The real rot in Indian campus life is not the presence of politics, but the presence of party-political proxies. The ABVP, NSUI and SFI are the youth wings of parties rather than organic campus movements. This dependency creates several systemic issues. The worst is external interference: when a student election is funded and directed by a national party, the issues debated are rarely about the campus library or hostel conditions. Instead, they become microcosms of national polarisations.

In Kerala, mainstream political rivalry often brings with it a culture of intimidation. The tension and lawlessness mentioned in various court rulings often stem from the fact that student leaders see themselves as foot soldiers for external bosses rather than representatives of their peers. Party discipline also inevitably discourages independent thought. Students are pressured to adopt the 'party line' on every issue, which is the antithesis of the critical thinking a university is supposed to foster. The stifling of nuance is contrary to the pedagogical ethos that should animate a university.

If we accept that political engagement is necessary but party-political interference is toxic, we must look for a middle path. The goal should be to foster autonomous student governance. We should move toward a model where student unions are strictly independent of registered political parties.

This is not a radical idea. I was elected president of the St Stephen's College student union in 1974 in an election blissfully free of organised political parties. Many of the world's leading universities operate under 'independent student unions' where candidates run on individual platforms or campus-specific coalitions.

To be sure, any argument for keeping national parties off campus must acknowledge the real advantages they offer. For many first generation or rural students, organisations like the NSUI, ABVP or SFI provide the cash, mentorship and networks that make political participation possible. Their national reach also gives student unions leverage when confronting an unresponsive university administration or state government. And exposure to national level mobilisation and party discipline is part of learning how real world politics works.

Yet, none of this requires the formal presence of external party organisations inside the university. Funding, training and mentorship can be institutionalised through need based student development programmes; student unions can be empowered through statutory protections rather than partisan patronage, and the skills of negotiation, consensus building and disciplined collective action can be cultivated within autonomous campus bodies. In other words, the benefits that national parties currently provide can be secured through healthier, more transparent mechanisms.

To bridge the gap between academic discipline and democratic vigour, we need a three-pronged reform. The first element is financial and organisational decoupling. Strict regulations should be placed on election spending with a mandate that all funds must be raised internally or provided by the university. Any evidence of funding from a registered political party should lead to immediate disqualification.

Second, university administrations and student bodies should work together to ensure that union charters focus on campus-specific governance—academic quality, student welfare and local social justice. By shifting focus to the immediate community, the incentive for external parties to intervene diminishes.

And third, rather than shutting down political debate, universities should institutionalise it. Instead of chaotic rallies, campuses should host structured debates, town halls and 'civic forums'. These should be spaces where students can debate national issues—yes, even controversial ones—without the fear of being branded by a party label or facing physical retribution.

The Kerala High Court and the Lyngdoh Committee are right to be concerned about the political atmosphere prevailing above the academic. But their solution—leaving everything to the discretion of educational institutions—can lead to a paternalistic environment where any dissent is labelled 'indiscipline'. The judiciary should not aim to silence the campus; it should aim to protect the campus from the street. The doctrine should be one of institutional neutrality: The institution itself remains neutral, but it provides a protected, safe space for its students to be un-neutral, passionate and political.

The purpose of a university is, at bottom, tutelary. But learning to be a citizen is just as important as learning to be an engineer or a historian. By choosing a path of independent student activism, we can create a generation of thinkers who understand that while they may or may not belong to a party, they certainly belong to a democracy. Let the campus be a place where ideas go to battle, so that the students don't have to.

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VOTING AS A RECLAIMING OF THE SELF

SHIKHA MUKERJEE

Political commentator

THE imperative to vote—to make a decision and exercise the choice by registering it through pressing the button on the voting machine—has changed the dynamics of participation and politics in West Bengal. It may be too early to say whether the special intensive revision worked to threaten or secure the status quo at the party politics level; but the subsoil did go into a churn.

Approximately 31 lakh more people voted in this election than in the 2021 Assembly election. This increase in absolute numbers comes despite there being over 50 lakh fewer voters on the rolls this time—with the population increase offset by the 58 lakh names deleted as absent, shifted, deceased and duplicate, plus the 28 lakh effectively disenfranchised as adjudication on their status didn't happen in time. This is incontrovertible evidence that the people came forward to say they own their franchise, and to speak through it. The verdict, once it comes on May 4, will need to be understood within the context of this reclamation of voting rights in a situation of precarity.

West Bengal has historically registered high voter turnouts of over 80 percent in recent decades. But a turnout of about 93 percent across the two phases this year is a new record. The significant change in this election is a higher turnout in Kolkata and increased participation of women, outnumbering men. The percentage surges are clearly the SIR effect.

Voting, making political choices, was not a mechanical routine in this fraught air, not an obligation executed out of dead habit. That is the big change—the years of political disengagement are over. The forced disenfranchisement of 28 lakh voters for no fault of their own, the stigmatisation of the deleted as "*ghuspaithiyas*" or illegal non-citizens, created anger and panic in equal measure. Apathy, which had long overtaken popular engagement with politics, was not an option.

The forcible embedding of citizenship within electoral politics, as the SIR process has done, has prompted voters in West Bengal to reflect upon their identities, in terms of where they belong. This is much deeper than the BJP's capture of identity by religion. Its systematic campaign of dividing people over identities, classifying Bengalis as Hindu refugees and victims of Partition, and linking it to the narrative of an 'illegal' Muslim demographic swarm posing a threat to the Hindu majority, did find a receptive audience—it has added up to 38 percent of the voters since 2019. What about the rest?

"We had forgotten that our families had come over the border as refugees in 1947. Now, the third generation of settlers is talking about their refugee identity," one such voter explained. The 2026 election marks the moment when this reconstructed identification as refugee is being interrogated by the subject on whose behalf that manoeuvre is done: precisely, such refugees.

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> That 31 lakh more people voted in Bengal this Assembly election than in 2021—despite there being over 50 lakh fewer voters on the rolls this time—is incontrovertible evidence of a profound change, a political stirring where apathy was not an option

The conflict between the Bengali as a tolerant, inclusive Hindu and an orthodox, intolerant, fixated-on-purity-and-ritual Hindu that was a popular genre of literature at the turn of the 20th century has resurfaced. A Hindutva spun elsewhere has nudged Bengalis into reconsidering who they want to be and how they ought to allow themselves to be represented.

Bengali identity, here, is not just about cultural or linguistic pride or how Bengali political consciousness shaped and catered to nationalist thought and the freedom movement. It is certainly not just about preference for fish. This election, with its absurd campaign over food consumption, has actually prompted Bengalis to think about who they are beyond the clichés they constructed to amuse themselves and others.

The reflection has produced a distinctive political consciousness, of participating in a just cause. The biggest change is the reawakening of Bengali *bhadralok* consciousness. Over the years, older people have acquiesced in or lamented over the growing indifference of the population to what happens to others. Casting a vote this time was not merely self-interest, but about the collective anger that neighbours, acquaintances, friends and family had been stripped of their rights. How long this change will last is unpredictable. But it is a rekindling of self-worth.

The SIR has touched the political consciousness at a profound level, and compelled Bengalis to rethink the relationship with political actors as well as the Indian State. A reclamation of the self, a principled veto, a gesture of survival, an approval of deportation politics— the high turnout is all of these at once.

The long queues at the polling booths in the three other states that voted post SIR also underscore the perception that people need to reconfirm their status as citizens and eligible voters. There is an imperative at work in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Assam, too, that staying aloof is not an option. The risk of being disempowered through disenfranchisement is at work in all these places.

Whether Bengal chooses to define survival as merely the work of a selfish gene or in terms of a cultural-political democratic self worth preserving will be known soon. Either way, it will feed into how voters engage with the politics that follows until 2029.

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Restoring franchise

Ref: *All eyes turn to May 4* (Apr 30).
The deployment of heavy security and last-minute bureaucratic shifts in Bengal have understandably strained public trust. While robust turnout is welcome, the unresolved cases of 27 lakh voters need swift resolution.
A Myilsami, Coimbatore

Informed choice

Ref: *Pregnancy risks* (Apr 30). Reproductive autonomy must be the starting point, but late-term decisions genuinely require concurrent medical assessment—not to override choice, but to ensure they are fully informed. Autonomy and clinical support are not competing values; they work together.
Abbharna Barathi, email

Measured diplomacy

Ref: *A year after Baisaran* (Apr 30).
The analysis is sharp, but India's foreign policy has consistently prioritised national interest over sentiment—and rightly so. Donald Trump's erratic behaviour warrants calibrated responses which reflect strategic maturity, not reactive ones. In volatile geopolitics, quiet diplomacy often delivers more than public posturing.
S M Jeeva, email

Doctored degrees

Ref: *Dr prefix* (Apr 30). More than the liberal conferment of honorary doctorates, it's the proliferation of fake or purchased PhDs that has significantly diminished the value of the prestigious research degree. The value of a legitimate PhD—one earned through original research, rigorous training and critical thinking—must continue to remain high.
N Rama Rao, Chennai

Proud prefix

Bommai's refusal was refreshing precisely because of its rarity. The author is right—the problem is not honorary degrees, but the opacity surrounding their conferral. Clearer nomenclature, independent selection committees and annual limits would restore some credibility. The title should mean something to everyone who holds it.
Prajesh Paramasivan, email

Missing mark

Ref: *Exit polls* (Apr 30). Exit polls have now become a form of entertainment to satiate excitement. They usually fall through the cracks due to the unpredictable voter expression. Mathematical analysis with statistical history sometimes doesn't hold ground when voters' behaviour—particularly in a polarised environment—is neglected.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
Power does not mean enhancing one's own importance or merely attaining the status of a leader; it means having wisdom to hand over power to others at right time.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Should we have him recall and read out the list of those cases that CM himself had withdrawn against himself, or shall we have someone else read them out

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
The outrage over Jamia VC Mazhar Asif's remark "we all have Mahadev's DNA" says more about our shrinking tolerance for civilisational ideas than about the statement.

China-Pak military axis deepens

Islamabad gets first eight-boat Hangor-class submarine while Indian Navy has none so far

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

CHINA and Pakistan's military partnership crossed a new strategic threshold Thursday as the Pakistan Navy commissioned its first Chinese-built Hangor-class submarine in Sanya, with President Asif Ali Zardari attending as chief guest.

In an official statement, Pakistan's military described the commissioning as a continuation of close bilateral ties. "The commissioning of the first Hangor-class submarine marks another chapter in the time-tested friendship between Pakistan and China," it said.

Built on China's Type 039A/039B Yuan-class design, the submarine is the lead vessel of an eight-boat Hangor-class programme under which four submarines are being constructed in China and four in Pakistan under technology transfer.

The AIP-equipped class allows the submarines to remain submerged for longer durations with lower detection risk than standard diesel-electric submarines, potentially expanding its sea-denial capability in the Arabian Sea. The programme is expected to strengthen Pakistan's conventional submarine arm, currently centred on its French-origin Agosta-90B and older Agosta-70 boats.

Representational image

'China accounts for over 80% of Pak arms imports'

According to SIPRI data, China now accounts for over 80 percent of Pakistan's arms imports, including JF-17 and J-10C fighters armed with long-range PL-15 beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles, HQ-9/P air defence systems, Type 054A/P frigates, armed drones, missile systems and now submarines.

For Pakistan, whose surface fleet remains significantly smaller and outmatched by India's far larger naval force, submarines have long served as Islamabad's principal asymmetric tool to offset conventional maritime disadvantages.

"Pakistan's surface fleet remains limited against India's larger naval force, but Islamabad has consistently sought to offset that disadvantage through submarines and sea-denial capabilities," a source said. "In case of a contingency in the Arabian Sea, a larger AIP-backed Pakistani submarine fleet could complicate India's anti-submarine warfare environment."

The induction comes as India's own conventional submarine modernisation remains in transition. None of the Indian Navy's conventional submarines currently has operational air-independent propulsion, though DRDO's indigenous fuel-cell based AIP system is expected to be ready for first integration later this year.

INS Khanderi is slated to become the first Kalvari-class submarine to undergo AIP retrofit during its scheduled refit cycle, followed by trials before projected operational deployment around early-2028. India currently operates six Kalvari-class Scorpene submarines alongside ageing Sindhughosh (Kilo-class) and Shishumar-class boats, with force-level concerns repeatedly flagged amid delayed replacement timelines and capability upgrades.

Meanwhile, the long-delayed Project-75I, under which state-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd and Germany's Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) are to jointly build six next-generation AIP-equipped conventional submarines under the strategic partnership model, still awaits final Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) clearance before contract signing.

MDL and TKMS signed an MoU in June 2023 to jointly bid for and execute the programme in India, but even if cleared soon, the first boat is unlikely before the early to mid 2030s. Beyond fleet numbers, the Hangor induction also aligns with China's steadily expanding strategic footprint in the Indian Ocean Region through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, and Gwadar port.

PRAGATI to bring a dozen nations together in major Act-East outreach

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN one of its largest multinational exercises on home soil, Indian Army will next month host contingents from nearly a dozen countries in Meghalaya for the maiden edition of Exercise PRAGATI (Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region), in a significant military outreach under India's Act East policy.

The two-week exercise, scheduled from May 18 to 31 at the Foreign Training Node in Umroi, will span India's immediate neighbourhood, including Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Sri Lanka and wider Southeast Asia, bringing together armies from the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos, among others.

Defence sources said its real significance lies in it being a follow-through of sustained strategic engagement under ASEAN-led platforms such as the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus).

The exercise comes when India is seeking to strengthen strategic partnerships across Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific amid intensifying geopolitical competition and China's expanding regional footprint.

The choice of Meghalaya is equally significant, with the Northeast increasingly central to India's Act East strategy as a geographic bridge for deeper connectivity, military engagement and strategic outreach to Southeast Asia.

PRAGATI will focus on strengthening interoperability among participating armies in counter-terrorism, sub-conventional and jungle warfare, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), as well as coordinated responses to emerging regional security challenges. Joint tactical drills, professional exchanges and capacity-building are also expected to form core components.

Sources said that India's expanding Army-to-Army engagement with Southeast Asia is also set to continue in parallel, with an Indian Army contingent scheduled to depart for Cambodia in the first half of May for the second edition of the bilateral CINBAX exercise, following its inaugural edition in Pune last year.

A two-day defence industry exposition alongside the exercise will also showcase indigenous military platforms and technologies, underlining India's push to increasingly bind defence diplomacy with defence production and exports.

The Philippines is already India's first foreign buyer of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, while Vietnam has emerged as a key prospective market amid ongoing talks for a BrahMos deal.

Moreover, the Army has largely focused on bilateral, smaller-format or country-specific exercises on home soil.

'A full yr passed': Cong says govt has every intention to delay caste census

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Congress has alleged that the government wants to delay conducting the caste census and has, therefore, not announced any details of how enumeration will take place.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that exactly a year ago, the Narendra Modi government had announced that caste enumeration of the entire population would be included in the upcoming census. "A full year has passed. The details of how this caste enumeration will be done are still awaited. There has been no dialogue with Opposition parties and state governments, let alone with experts," he said. Earlier this month, the Congress had alleged that the government wanted to put the caste census in cold storage.

Ramesh said that Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge had written a letter to the PM on May 5, 2025, on the issue, which was not even acknowledged. "The issues raised in that letter remain valid even now," he said. Kharge had written in the letter that conducting any exercise, such as the caste census, which gives the backward, oppressed, and marginalised sections of society their rights should not be considered divisive.

'PM owes Cong apology for urban Naxal remark'

"On April 28, 2024, in a television interview, the prime minister attacked the Congress saying that its demand for a caste census was indicative of 'urban Naxal' thought," Ramesh said. The PM owes the Congress leadership an apology for making this accusation, Ramesh said, adding that, he owes the people an explanation of why he allowed his mind to be contaminated by the "urban Naxal" thought when he announced a caste census.

Ramesh said that recent events indicate a U-turn by the government on the issue. "On July 21, 2021, the home minister had answered a question in the Lok Sabha asked by a BJP MP Smt Raksha Nikhil Khadse and said that the Government of India had decided as a matter of policy not to enumerate caste-wise population," Ramesh wrote on X. However, on September 21, 2021, the government filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court stating that any directive by the court to enumerate caste-wise population would be tantamount to interfering with a policy decision already taken by the government, he said.

On April 16, 2023, Kharge wrote to the PM demanding an up-to-date caste census as part of the regular census, Ramesh pointed out.

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Don't transfer tech to Pak: India to Italy

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

INDIA and Italy on Thursday stepped up defence ties during Italian Defence Minister Guido Crosetto's maiden visit to New Delhi, as he and counterpart Rajnath Singh exchanged a military cooperation plan for 2026–27 and expanded strategic, maritime, and defence-industrial engagement.

Sources in the defence establishment said Singh also used the discussions to clearly convey India's concerns over the transfer of defence technologies to Pakistan. "It was made very clear that India expects sensitive defence technologies not to find their way to Pakistan," a source said.

An official statement issued after the meeting said both sides discussed collaboration in advanced and globally exclusive defence technologies, alongside potential joint industrial projects under India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and Italy's defence cooperation framework.

Importantly, Italy is central to the UK-Japan-Italy Tempest sixth-generation fighter programme which India is closely watching.

A key outcome of the talks was the exchange of the bilateral military cooperation plan for the current year, which is expected to serve as the framework for expanded armed forces engagement through joint exercises, training, staff exchanges and operational coordination.

Maritime security figured prominently in the talks, with discussions including strengthening maritime domain awareness and information-sharing through the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) in Gurugram.

Separately, the Indian Coast Guard hosted an Italian delegation where "both sides deliberated on the indigenous development and co-development of niche technologies, including dynamic positioning systems, advanced thrusters, AI-enabled decision support, counter-unmanned aerial systems (C-UAS)/anti-drone defence, and next-generation green propulsion," as per the statement.

In recent months, New Delhi has widened its strategic outreach to Europe through the India-EU Security and Defence Partnership, alongside deeper bilateral defence ties with key players such as France in jet engines, fighters and precision guided munitions and Germany in the submarine sector.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with his Italian counterpart Guido Crosetto in New Delhi | PTI

Vietnam prez to visit India, ramp up ties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

VIETNAMESE President To Lam will undertake a three-day visit to India from May 5 to 7, aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation in defence, trade and critical technologies amid rising geopolitical uncertainties and trade disruptions.

Lam, who also serves as General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, will lead a delegation comprising ministers and senior business leaders. This will be his first state visit to India since assuming presidency earlier this month.

During the visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Lam are scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks focusing on advancing the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with particular emphasis on trade, defence cooperation and critical technologies.

External Affairs Ministry announcing the visit, said the Vietnamese leader will receive a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan on May 6.

SC flags airfare surge, asks govt to file affidavit

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday pulled up the Centre for not filing its affidavit on a petition that sought regulatory guidelines to control "unpredictable fluctuations" in airfare and ancillary charges imposed by private airlines.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta asked the Centre to give reasons for why the affidavit has not been filed and further time was sought for it.

The counsel for the petitioner, social activist S Laxminarayanan, said the Centre has not filed its reply despite directions. The government's counsel cited the West Asia situation as a reason for the delay. The bench questioned the justification. "What prevents you from filing an affidavit?" it asked.

The Centre said rules were under consideration, the court, however, insisted on immediate compliance. "You file an affidavit and place everything on record. Three times we have granted you time," the bench said.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC asks Allahabad HC to give urgent hearing

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Allahabad High Court to grant an urgent hearing to a cancer patient's plea regarding pension and post-retiral benefits that has been pending for the last nine years. A bench comprising CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi asked the HC to consider the 77-year-old man's case.

Lawyer served showcause notice

Taking strong note of an objectionable post by a lawyer on women's quota in bar bodies, the Supreme Court initiated suo motu criminal contempt proceedings against him, asking why his licence not be revoked. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi issued a showcause notice.

The Centre's counsel requested that three weeks' time be granted to file the affidavit. The bench refused to grant three weeks' time, saying the affidavit be filed next week. "We are not willing to accept the request. Let an appropriate application along with an affidavit giving reasons for why affidavit has not been filed and why further time is being sought, be filed within a week. List again on May 11," the bench said.

The petition seeks the creation of a robust and independent regulatory mechanism to ensure transparency, fairness and passenger protection in the civil aviation sector. The plea also said the right to dignity includes access to essential services such as emergency transport on fair and non-exploitative terms.

On November 17 last year, the top court sought responses from the Centre and others on the petition.

Verdict in Khera anticipatory bail petition reserved

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on the anticipatory bail application filed by Congress leader Pawan Khera challenging the Gauhati High Court's order dismissing his pre-arrest bail petition.

A bench of justices JK Maheshwari and AS Chandurkar was hearing Khera's bail plea in connection with an FIR filed by Assam CM's wife Riniki Bhuyan Sharma for levelling allegations related to her holding three foreign passports and a company in the US.

Abhishek Manu Singhvi appearing for Khera told the court that there is no necessity to arrest him. "His (Khera's) statements will at the most attract only the offence of defamation and not other offences of forgery and public mischief invoked by the Assam Police," Singhvi said.

Centre bats for SVAMITVA to boost rural economy, property ownership

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE rural property ownership scheme, SVAMITVA, has enhanced the creditworthiness of residential properties, facilitated formalisation of residential land, and improved the financial standing of gram panchayats, making a positive impact on the rural economy, according to a survey conducted by IIM, Ahmedabad.

The study found that villages included in the programme exhibited an increasing trend in registration of residential land parcels, but mutation of agricultural parcels has decreased, indicating a formalisation of residential land ownership and a reduction in informal land conversions.

Launched in April 2020, 'Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas' (SVAMITVA) received a allocation of ₹472 crore for five years to conduct drone-based aerial surveys aimed at mapping and legally recognising property records in rural areas. The outlay for the scheme has been increased to ₹576 crore, with an extension granted till September 2026.

Drones measure land

Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) scheme is using drones to take pictures of villages and measure land accurately with help of a set of fixed GPS stations to create habitation property records. Traditionally, agriculture land record has been maintained but no record is available for habitation. This scheme first time provided village property record.

The IIM-A study found that loan amounts released for SVAMITVA-surveyed residential parcels increased by ₹22,129 annually per parcel, with no substitution from agricultural land. Additionally, registered mutations for residential parcels grew by 6.2% annually in the 42,000 surveyed villages in Madhya Pradesh. Agricultural parcel mutations fell by 4.87%, indicating a reduction in informal land conversions.

The study revealed that panchayat finances strengthened in 32 districts of Maharashtra between 2015 and 2025. It reported an increase in property tax revenue after card distribution of 4.71% (₹10,284 per panchayat annually). Other local taxes rose by 7.57% . Drone-surveyed villages that did not receive cards saw property tax revenue decline by 12.29%. An analysis of bank data from MP, Gujarat, and Maharashtra shows credit rise of 6.5%. Vivek Bhardwaj, secretary, panchayati raj, said, "SVAMITVA scheme, launched by PM Modi, aims to ensure formal ownership of property in rural areas.

FIRING

A man died after being shot at and stabbed allegedly by three persons in Kurla area of Mumbai, a police officer said. A case was registered under BNS and Arms Act, he said.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	27	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	39	23	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	40	22	Patna	38	23
Amritsar	38	20	Lucknow	39	22
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	24	10	Chandigarh	38	21

EC team visits Abhishek's Diamond Harbour constituency to review repolling demands

77 booths in TMC turf under EC lens

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

A day after the second and final phase of the Bengal elections, an Election Commission team on Thursday visited Diamond Harbour in South Parganas district to review demands for repolling in around 77 polling booths spread across four assembly constituencies. Trinamool Congress general secretary Abishek Banerjee is the MP from Diamond Harbour constituency.

The team, led by Dr Subrata Gupta, the state's Special Roll Observer, visited Diamond Harbour to review polling in Falta, Diamond Harbour, Magrahat and Budge Budge assembly segments.

The poll panel received 32 complaints seeking repolling from Falta, followed by 29 from Diamond Harbour, 13 from Magrahat and three from Budge Budge, Gupta said. Except for Magrahat, the remaining three segments fall under the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha constituency. Magrahat falls under the Joynagar Lok Sabha seat.

With heavy deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), led by UP-based IPS officer Ajay Palsahrma—allegedly known as an "encounter specialist"—the EC paid special attention to Falta due to its history of alleged poll rigging.

More allegations from Diamond Harbour area

"The Commission will take a final decision on repolling after Gupta's inspection. If required, repolling in the affected booths could be conducted as early as Friday," officials said. A serious allegation also emerged from Magrahat Paschim in the Diamond Harbour area, where it was claimed that spy cameras were placed in voters' shirt pockets to track their voting choices. "The instructions are clear. Assess everything at the ground level before taking a call," another official said.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Banerjee won Diamond Harbour by a margin of over seven lakh votes, the highest in the country. Opposition parties in West Bengal had alleged large-scale false voting, booth jamming and terror, reportedly unleashed by the ruling party.

"The complaints, which surfaced soon after polling concluded on Wednesday, include allegations of EVM tampering, use of substances on machines, and attempts to obstruct surveillance cameras. In view of the volume and nature of complaints, the EC is taking no chances," an official said.

Acting on these reports, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar directed Gupta to carry out field inspections before any decision on repolling is finalised. Gupta is currently conducting on-ground assessments and holding discussions with other observers, an official said on condition of anonymity.

Norms for entry to counting centres tightened

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has unveiled a QR code-based photo identity card system aimed at enhancing security and preventing unauthorised access to vote counting centres.

The system will come into effect on May 4, 2026, coinciding with the counting of votes for Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry. It will also be implemented during by-elections in seven Assembly constituencies across five states.

According to the Commission, the initiative has been introduced through the ECINET platform. The system will be adopted in all future Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections,and by-elections.

The move is among more than 30 electoral reforms and administrative measures introduced by the EC over the past year. These include the rollout of standardised QR-enabled identity cards for Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

9 from Punjab among 15 Indian nationals deported from Australia, arrested

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FIFTEEN Indians, including nine from Punjab, who were deported from Australia, landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi on Thursday. They were handed over to police. A team of Punjab Police officials brought the nine back to the state.

Sources said that according to details available with authorities, these deported Indian nationals are in the 25-45 age group. Of these, nine are from Punjab, belonging to Moga, Khanna, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Nawanshahr, Taran Taran, Gurdaspur, Ropar, and Ferozepur districts, and one each from Haryana and Uttarakhand, as well as two from Telangana.

Sources said the deportees have been identified as Satinderjit Singh Shergill (31) from Sansarpur in Jalandhar, Jaswant Singh (34) from Hoshiarpur, Angrej Singh (32) from Chaudhriwala in Taran Taran, Harpreet Singh from Daudhar in Moga, Jaspreet Singh (37) from Dehriwal in Gurdaspur, Jagjit Singh Sidhu (35) from Chachrari in Jagoran, Ranjit Singh (25) from Samrala in Khanna, Harpreet Singh from Balachaur in SBS Nagar, and one woman, Shruti Sharma (45) from Kiratpur Sahib in Ropar. Shruti had gone in 2008 and overstayed.

Rahul (31) is from Haryana, Kanwaljit Singh (27) from Uttarakhand, Samiuddin Khaja (41) and Abdullah Saleh Bhahatab (31) are from Telangana. It is learnt that immigration and other authorities completed documentation at the IGI airport, and they were reportedly questioned by central agencies for five hours before being handed over to the Punjab Police. "Two of them did not come," said an official.

'Focus on dignified return'

Mann reiterated that the focus now was on ensuring a dignified return and reintegration for those arriving, while also addressing the systemic issues that led to their migration in the first place.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the government will find out how their documents were prepared and who helped them. If needed, the Ministry of External Affairs will also be contacted, and the matter will be taken to its logical conclusion.

RANCHI DIARY

MUKESH RANJAN
Our correspondent in Jharkhand
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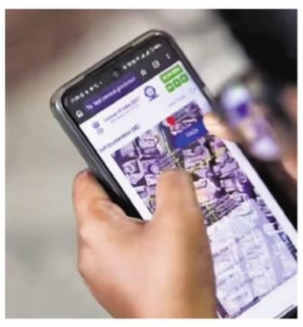
First fully digital census to kick off today

The process of census in Jharkhand, under India's first fully digital census initiative will begin from May 1. According to officials, the first phase will include self-enumeration from May 1 to 15, followed by door-to-door surveys from May16 to June 14. The first phase will cover house listing and housing census, while the second phase, will be conducted in February 2027, they said. Around 75,000 personnel, mostly school teachers, have been deployed for the exercise, and each enumerator will survey up to 200 households. Officials assured that all data will remain secure and appealed to citizens to actively cooperate with the census process.



Elite residential school for police, Army families

The state will soon have an elite residential school for the children of the Indian Army and State Police personnel. The proposed school will offer education from Class 1 to Class 12, with special priority in admissions for children of martyred police personnel as well as those serving in the Army and Central Paramilitary Forces (CPMF). According to Chief Minister, providing quality education to these families is a key priority for the state. The proposed school, named as Dishom Guru Shibu Soren Residential School Complex, is likely to be built at the Jaguar Campus on the Ring Road in Ranchi. Officials informed that the Detailed Project Report has already been prepared.

'Water Bell' to ring twice in schools to beat heat

A school in Jharkhand has introduced a unique concept—a "water bell"—to promote hydration among students during extreme summer conditions. VP Memorial Gyan Niketan School in Daltonganj has started this initiative for its 1,800 students, allowing them to drink water during class hours without hesitation. "Water bell" rings twice during school hours every day, encouraging students to drink water regularly. School principal Anjani Kumar said the decision was taken to protect students from heat-related problems. The move comes as Palamu experiences intense heat, with temperatures rising close to 45 degrees Celsius.

Mufti daughter booked over Geelani post

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

Jammu and Kashmir police has registered an FIR against PDP leader Iltija Mufti, daughter of former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, for posting an old video of hardline separatist leader and Hurriyat Conference chairman late Syed Ali Geelani on significance of Urdu on her X account, allegedly to propagate separatist and secessionist narratives through digital platforms.

Sources said Cyber Police Station Srinagar has registered an FIR under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Mufti had posted the video on Wednesday.

"May not concur with Geelani's ideology but this old video of him stressing on the importance of Urdu makes sense in addition to other reasons. Worth a watch," Iltija posted along with the video.

Iltija has been leading PDP's protest against Omar Abdullah government for dropping Urdu, as a mandatory qualification for revenue services.

There has been no reaction from Iltija or PDP over the matter. The party has alos refrained from making any comments.

Meanwhile, BJP leader and party's media incharge Kashmir, Sajid Yousuf Shah, said in a post on X, "About time. This is the first FIR against Iltija Mufti, long overdue. Let's see if this is the start of real enforcement or just another headline."

Cong stakes claim to one Rajya Sabha seat, JMM may field nominees for 2

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and its alliance partner Congress want to approach the Rajya Sabha election for the two seats from Jharkhand that will fall vacant in the next few months differently. The Congress has demanded at least one seat for itself, while its INDIA bloc partner JMM wants to field nominees on both the seats.

According to Congress state-in-charge K Raju, the party will press its claim ahead of the June election. Unlike previous elections, when the alliance could manage to win just one seat, the Congress and its allies are now in a stronger position, he said. "After the Assembly polls in five states are completed, a meeting will be held with the Jharkhand allies of the INDIA bloc. Congress leaders will discuss the issue with Chief Minister Hemant Soren," he said.

Raju said that in the last three Rajya Sabha elections, the state's ruling alliance possessed the numerical strength to win only a single seat and, consequently, on all three occasions, that seat went to the JMM. However, he emphasized, this time around, the alliance was in a position to win both.

Notably, one of two seats that will go to the polls in June has remained vacant since the demise of Dishom Guru Shibu Soren last year, while the other seat will fall vacant when the tenure of BJP leader Deepak Prakash comes to an end.

Ruling alliance numbers

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The JMM has two members—Sarfraz Ahmad and Mahua Maji—in the Rajya Sabha currently. The BJP has three members, including Prakash.

Cong relents, backs Uddhav candidate for MLC elections

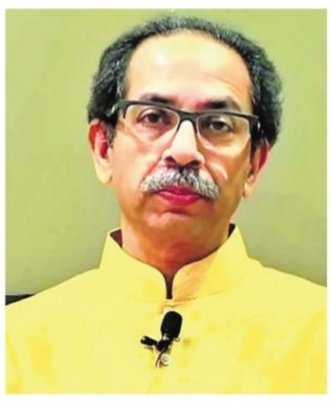
SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SOFTENING its stand, the Congress on Thursday decided to support ally Shiv Sena (UBT)'s nominee Ambadas Danave for the Maharashtra legislative council election scheduled on May 12. The development comes a day after fissures within the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) became evident with both the Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress announcing that they will field candidates for the lone seat the Opposition alliance can win in the council elections.

The allies patched up after former CM Uddhav Thackeray dialled Congress general secretary KC Venugopal and Maharashtra Congress in-charge Ramesh Chennithala, urging them to support Danave as the joint MVA candidate for the MLC polls.

Thackeray also spoke to Maharashtra Congress president Harshvardhan Sapkal and even sent a Shiv Sena (UBT) team to meet him a few hours ahead of filing of the nominations.

"We will back Uddhav's decision of fielding Danave and accept it as the MVA's stand. In the coming days, we will unitedly fight against the BJP as MVA," Sapkal told reporters. He said there was a detailed discussion over the issue, following which it was decided that the Opposition alliance will unitedly face the upcoming polls, be legislative council and Rajya Sabha polls.



Maharashtra Congress legislative party leader Vijay Wadettiwar said, "We are supporting the Shiv Sena (UBT) in MLC polls, but in return, Uddhav's party has promised us to support our candidate for a Rajya Sabha seat." Earlier, the Congress had supported Sharad Pawar for the Rajya Sabha polls in a show of MVA unity.

Shinde-led Shiv Sena fielded sitting MLC Neelam Gorhe and newly-inducted former MLA Bacchu Kadu as its candidates for MLC elections. Gorhe is currently the deputy chairperson of the legislative council. Her term as a member of House is set to end on May 13. In fact, nine council members, including Uddhav Thackeray, are retiring on May 13.

Kadu told reporters that he met Shinde late Wednesday night and placed before him his demands regarding the issues of farmers, farm labourers and divyang (differently-abled) people. "Shinde assured me of support for my causes, and therefore I have decided to join the Shiv Sena," he said.

The NCP led by deputy CM Sunetra Pawar fielded Zeeshan Siddique, former MLA from Vandre East. "The party has fulfilled the promise made by Ajit Dada," he said.

As per the present strength of the parties in the assembly, the BJP can win six MLC seats, Shinde-led Shiv Sena two, and NCP and MVA one each. Each candidate has to get a minimum of 29 votes to win. Since the parties have fielded candidates as per their assembly strength, they are set to win unopposed.

ENCOUNTER

'Eliminate rapists, hang garlands on their photos'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR chief minister Samrat Choudhary on Thursday asked district magistrates and senior police officials to "eliminate" rapists and hang garlands on their photographs before the terhavi (the 13th day after the funeral) rites of their dead victims is observed.

Holding a meeting with district and police officials at Adhiveshan Bhavan in Patna for the first time after assuming reins of the state, Choudhary issued directives to enforce aggressive policing in the state. "Take immediate action in cases involving heinous crimes against young girls. Ensure that the criminals' photographs are garlanded before the terahvi of the deceased girls takes place. Provide security to industrialists and ensure that you remain seated in your offices from 10 am to 2 pm," he said.

The CM also announced a zero-tolerance policy against crime, corruption, and communalism. The CM held the meeting with district authorities against the backdrop of two sensational murders, one of a government official, and another of a nephew of a BJP leader.

Two murders in 24 hours

The CM held the meeting with district authorities against the backdrop of 2 sensational murders, one of a govt official in his chamber in the Bhagalpur district, and another of a nephew of a BJP leader in a road-rage incident in the Siwan district within a span of 24 hours.

Triple murder accused shot dead in Bulandshahr

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A 32-year-old gym trainer was killed in an encounter with the police in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, early on Thursday morning. The deceased was the main accused in the triple murder that took place at a gym on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday.

Police sources say gym trainer Jeetu Saini had been absconding since he and his associates allegedly shot three of his friends dead during his birthday celebration. According to the police, an argument had broken out between two groups during the party, after which Saini fired. The police had announced a reward of ₹50,000 for information leading to Saini's arrest.

SP Dinesh Kumar Singh confirmed that Saini was the key accused in the triple murder case. He said the police were conducting further raids for arresting of the remaining suspects. So far, five suspects have been apprehended. Saini's younger brother Ravi is also wanted in the same case. The deceased were identified as Amar Saini, 26, Manish Saini, 23, and Akash Saini, 22. All three were members of the same family and worked out at the gym.

The police said Saini was named in two earlier cases from 2018 and 2023 as well, which carried charges of causing death duo to negligence and violations under the SC/ST Act.

Seek blessings of Almighty for peace in Manipur, CM tells Haj pilgrims

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

MANIPUR Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh has sought divine intervention for peace in the restive state.

Extending wishes to Haj pilgrims who left Imphal for Kolkata for their onward journey to Madinah, Saudi Arabia, Singh urged them to seek the blessings of the Almighty for peace in Manipur.

"During this difficult time, where unwanted incidents have occurred in Manipur, the pilgrims should offer prayers to the Almighty and seek His blessings in our collective endeavour to establish a peaceful Manipur," the Chief Minister said while seeing off the pilgrims at the Imphal International airport on Thursday.

Altogether 379 people, mostly from the Pangal (Manipuri Muslim) community, have been selected for Haj pilgrimage under the Manipur State Haj Committee this year.

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Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Chief Minister

The first batch of 172 pilgrims left for Kolkata on Wednesday and the remaining 207 others departed on Thursday. Several legislators attended the see-off programme which was organised by the state's Directorate of Minority Affairs.

After his appointment as the Chief Minister on February 4 this year, Singh visited different parts of the state and met the leaders of various communities toward restoring peace but the violence has continued, although intermittently.

A series of violent incidents occurred, particularly in the Naga-majority Ukhrul district, since February which claimed several lives. The recent killings of two children in a bomb attack in the Bishnupur district had triggered widespread protests in the valley.

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice Issued Under Section 13(2) Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002

To,

BORROWER : (1) Smt. Rakshitha M W/o Mr. Babu K, No. 56 B , Nakshathra Vibhavam, 8th Cross, Elza Enclave, Vaddarapalya ,Horamavu Agara, Bangalore - 560043 **CO-BORROWER : (2) Sri. Babu K** S/o Sri. Konappa, No. 72, Sri Sai Nilaya, Anjanadri Layout, Babusapalya , Kalyannagar, Bangalore-560043.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank ARM II branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **Mrs. Rakshitha M and Mr. Babu K** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the **Schedule A** hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

However, from **May 2025** the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on **27.04.2026** amounts to **Rs. 72,49,479.56 (Rupees Seventy-Two Lacs Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine and Paisa Fifty-Six Only)** plus further Interest and charges thereon, the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 08.08.2025** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of mentioned in **Schedule C** together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum **Rs. 72,49,479.56 (Rupees Seventy-Two Lacs Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine and Paisa Fifty-Six Only) as on 27.04.2026** together with further interest (as stated in schedule C) and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only

where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of Section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non- compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

SCHEDULE - A

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

SL. NO.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)
1	1702619002515	Housing loan	02.11.2020	Rs. 55,00,000.00

SCHEDULE –B

[Details of security assets]

Details of Immovable Assets

SL. NO.	Nature	Name of the title holder
1	**DETAILS OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY:** **Schedule "A" : ITEM No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal No. 2164/84/1, being a residentially converted land out of Sy. No 84/1, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli ,Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring 2 Acres 00½ Guntas (Excluding Kharab land) converted Vide order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN (EAST)SR(KRAHO)/68/2008-09, dated 17.12.2008, passed by the Special D.C Bangalore District and bounded on the : East by: remaining land in Sy. No. 84/1, West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 81, North by: Government Road and South by: Land bearing Sy No. 83. **ITEM NO. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing municipal No's 37/1/84/1 and 2165/84/1 being a residentially converted land out of Sy. No 84/1 situated at Rachenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 3 acres 12 Guntas (excluding kharab Land) converted vide orders bearing No's B.DIS.ALN (EAST)SR.(KRAHO)/68/2008-09, dated 17.12.2008 and No's B.DIS.ALN (EAST)SR. (KRAHO)/69/ 2008-09, dated 20.12.2008, passed by the special D.C Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by: land bearing Sy. No 84/2, West by: land owned by Sri A.T. Babu Rao and Sri A.T Shankar Rao in same survey number, North by : 60 ft. Government Road and property belonging Sri. N Lokappa & others in the same survey number, South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 83 **Composite Amalgamated Property Of Item No. 1 & 2:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No's 37/1/84/1 being a residentially converted land out of Sy No. 84/1 situated at Rachenahalli Village ,K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk , Banaglore in all measuring 5 acre 12½ Guntas or 2,31,412 sqft (excluding Kharab land) converted vide orders bearing No's B.DIS.ALN(EAST) SR. (KRAHO)/68/2008-09 dated 17.12.2008 and No's B.DIS.ALN (EAST) SR (KRAHO)/69/2008-09 dated 20/12/2008 passed by the special D C Bangalore District, and bounded on the: East: By land Bearing Sy No. 84/2, West: By land Bearing Sy No. 81, North : By 60 ft Govt. Road and property belonging to Sri N. Lokappa & others in the same survey number, South:By land bearing Sy No. 83. **Schedule "B" :** 469.51 Sq.ft of undivided right, title, interest and ownership in schedule A property mentioned above.	
	Schedule "C" : The apartment bearing No. C-308 on the third floor of Block "C" in VASATHI AVANTHE constructed on the schedule - A property measuring 1466.36 Sq.ft of Super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages lobbies, lifts ,wells, Staircase and other areas of common use and one reserved covered Car Parking slot and bounded on the : East: By Open Area, West: By Ent/Corridor, North: By C-307, South: By Open Area.	**Smt. Rakshitha M**

SCHEDULE – C

[Details of liability as on date 27.04.2026]

SL. NO.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan/Limit	Principal as on date 27.04.2026	Interest and other charges as on date 27.04.2026	Total Liability as on date 27.04.2026	Rate of Interest
1	1702619 002515	HL	Rs. 67,88,110.62	Rs. 4,61,368.94	Rs. 72,49,479.56	9.95%

Date : 27.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

No. A-12026/5/2024-Admin.1

Government of India
National Institution for Transforming India
(Administration-IA/Recruitment Section)

NITI Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Recruitment to one post of Director General (DG) in The National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), equivalent to Level-15 of the Pay Matrix in NITI Aayog.

Government of India, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog invites applications for **01 post of Director General (DG) in The National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD), equivalent to Level-15 of the Pay Matrix, on Deputation (including short term contract) basis/Direct Recruitment (on contract) basis** for a period upto 05 years in NITI Aayog from eligible candidates:

S.No.	Name of the Post	Pay & Allowances
1.	Director General (DG), NILERD	Equivalent to Level-15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in Government of India

2. The details relating to the post as well as the requisite eligibility conditions and the procedure for applying for the post are available on NITI Aayog's official website **niti.gov.in** under the link Career ***(https://niti.gov.in/work-niti/opportunities*** → **Flexi Pool/ Others).**

3. The closing date of receipt of application in NITI Aayog will be 45 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

Sd/-
(Vikram Singh Negi)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel: 23042685

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E-Tender Enq. No. 7800/P-3/EMP-13307 **Dated: 28.04.26**

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2026_POWER_167167_1** for Procurement of Spares for ID Fans (Exchangeable vane). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **29.04.2026 / 03.00 PM** onwards.

Note: - Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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CIRCLE OFFICE, BANGALORE

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Circle Office No. 26-27, Raheja Towers, Bangalore-560001,

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

A/C NO: 1238300520033 & 1238300525565, BO: BANGALORE, ELECTRONIC CITY (123820)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Punjab National Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **28.01.2026** calling upon **Mr. Shivaraj B M S/o Late C Muniyappa (Borrower) & Mrs. Lakshmi Devi S W/o Shivaraj B M (Co-Borrower)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 91,14,309.83 (Rupees Ninety-One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Nine and paisa Eighty-Three Only)** being the dues as on **28.01.2026** with further interest and charges from **01.01.2026** until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice. The receipt of notices have been acknowledged by the partners.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **28th day of April 2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Punjab National Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 91,14,309.83 (Rupees Ninety-One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Nine and paisa Eighty-Three Only)** being the dues as on **28.01.2026** with further interest and charges from **01.01.2026.**

The borrower's / guarantor's / mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of immovable property

SL	Facility	Collateral Securities
1	THPHL	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing BBMP no:251 (Old no 234/209) situated at Ward no 12 'Mangammanapalya Main Road Bommanahalli ,Begur Hobli madiwala Post ,Bangalore - 560068 measuring East to West :28 feet and North to South -43 feet totally measuring an extent of 1204 sq ft and bounded on the: East by: Abdul Basheer's House, West by: B.L. Babu's House, North by: Munivenkatappa's House, South by: Road

Date: 28.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

For Punjab National Bank (Chief Manager)
(Authorised Officer)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners as detailed hereunder:

Any person(s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 15 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the following agricultural lands situated at Huskur Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District:

Sl. No.	SY No	Present Owner's Name	In Guntas	East	West	North	South
1	98/3	MadhuChandra CN	23.5	98/1	remaining portion 98/3	78 and 81	Road
2	98/3		5.25	remaining portion 98/3	remaining portion 98/3	78 and 98/3	Road
3	78		21	79 and 80 and 81	98/3	77	98/3
4	77/3		32.5	remaining portion 77	Raja Kaluve Voni Dari Main Road	72	78
5	58	Geeta and Manjula	10	Land Belongs to Gopala Reddy	Land Belongs to Manjula	Land belongs to Kakappa	Land belongs to Gopala Reddy
6	58		10	Land Belongs to CV Githa	Land Belongs to Sujatha	Land belongs to Kakappa	Land belongs to Gopala Reddy
7	77/1	Jothamma	20	Land belongs to Chikka rama Reddy	77/1 belong to Venkatasway Reddy	Land belong to Shobha	Land belongs to Muniswamy Reddy
8	68	Vijaya	39	Land belongs to Kommasandra Nanjappa;	Land belongs to Venkataswamy Reddy	Land belongs to Ramachandra Reddy	Land belongs to Hanumantha Gowda
9	69/1	Krishappa & Family Members	16	Private Property	Land of Diary Chandrappa	68 & Private Property	70/1 and 70/2
10	70/1-29 Guntas	H Venkataramanappa & Family	46	Private Property	Land of Diary Chandrappa	69/1	73
11	70/2 - 17 Guntas			Private Property	Remaining land of 70	69/1	73
12	73/1	Shobha	33	Narayana Reddy property	Private Property	Patel Hunmaniah Property	Muniswamy Property

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No. FMU/Estt.(T) -II-04/2026/4140 **Date: 30.04.2026**

INDICATIVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF FACULTY POSITIONS

Fakir Mohan University invites online applications from eligible Indian citizens for appointment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the disciplines of Applied Geology, Biotechnology & Bio-Science, Botany, Business Management, Chemistry, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Science, Geography, History & Archaeology, Journalism & Mass Communication, Mathematics, Odia, Physics, Political Science, Population Studies, Sociology, Urdu and Zoology. The recruitment shall be conducted in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2018 and subsequent guidelines issued by the Government of Odisha.

The application process shall be conducted entirely in online mode through the recruitment portal **(https://himsrecruitment.odisha.gov.in/home).** The online application process will commence from **07 May 2026** and will remain open **until 07 June 2026.** The online generated application along with all supporting documents must reach the undersigned on **or before 17 June 2026** by Speed Post only.

Detailed information regarding subject-wise vacancies, category-wise reservation, eligibility conditions, screening procedure and other instructions is available on the recruitment portal.

Applicants are required to carefully read the instructions available on the recruitment portal before filling up the online application form. Candidates must upload all relevant documents including certificates, experience credentials and NOC wherever applicable and complete the application process within the stipulated time.

Candidates are advised to ensure their eligibility before applying, as incomplete or incorrect applications are liable to be rejected. The University reserves the right to modify, cancel or revise the recruitment process at any stage without prior notice. Applicants are advised to regularly visit the University website for updates and notifications.

Further details are available on the University website **https://fmuniversity.nic.in** and the recruitment portal ***(https://himsrecruitment.odisha.gov.in/home)*.**

By Order of the Vice-Chancellor
Sd/- Registrar

ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ

(ನ್ಯಾಕ್‌ನಿಂದ 'ಎ' ಶ್ರೇಣಿ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ಪಡೆದಿದೆ) (ಎನ್.ಐ.ಆರ್.ಎಫ್.–2023 ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ 33ನೇ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ 54ನೇ ಸ್ಥಾನ
ಇನ್ ಫರ್ ಮೇಷನ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಕಮ್ಯೂನಿಕೇಷನ್ ಡಿವಿಜನ್
ಗಣಕ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಮಾನಸಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570006
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ:0821–2419556 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: icd@uni-mysore.ac.in

ಸಂ.ಎಂ.ಜಿ.ಎಂ/ಐ.ಸಿ.ಡಿ/09/2026–2027 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.04.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು (ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾಂಗ), ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇವರು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೇಟಾ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳವಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಐ.ಟಿ ಪರಿಕರಣಗಳ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಸೇವಾ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: UOM/2026–27/SE0038

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0821–2419445 . ಅನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮೈಸೂರು/ತಿರಡಿಸಾಯ/130/2026–27

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ – ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08262–220936, E-Mail: zpedckm@rediffmail.com

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:44/2025–26/2ನೇ ಕರೆ/261 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.04.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರುರವರು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ **ನ.ರಾ.ಪುರ** ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 75.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ Standard Tender Document KW-3 ರಂತೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.04.2026 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.05.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07–05–2026ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11–05–2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website ನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

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POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co- Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ACT 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co- Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 27.04.2026

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicants: 1.Ms. Vanitha B D/o. Sri.T.S.Babu, 2.Sri.Venkatesh B S/o. Sri.T.S.Babu R/at.No.38/2, J.C,Road, 2nd Cross, Journalist Colony, Bangalore.560002. Surety: Sri.T.S.Babu S/o. Sri.Sheshachari,R/at.No.38/2, J.C,Road,2nd Cross, Journalist Colony, Bangalore.560002. All that piece and parcel of Commercial Property bearing No.9 (Old No.38), PID No.48-70-9, Ward No.48, Situated at Journalist Colony, 2nd Cross, Bengaluru, measuring Eastern to West: 60 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet along with Commercial building consisting of 23 shops comprised in Ground and First Floor and bounded as follows: East by: Site No.41, West by: Road, North by: Site No.37, South by: Site No.39.	**73,57,627/- + Int. thereon 27.04.2026**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.04.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor / Mortgagors	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any (Mortgaged by) (Owner/Mortgagor name : Mrs.Susheela W/o. Chikkaiah)	Total Dues.	Date of e-Auction Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time.
1 2 3	**M/s.Sampaiah Service Station** having, registered address at Plot No.69 Sy.No.30-part Gowribidanur 2 nd phase industrial area Kudumalakunte village Gauribidanur Taluk Chikballapur Dist-561208 **Represented by Its Proprietor Mr. Chethan S/o Chikkaiah** having residence address #1235, 10 th main 15th AA Cross,KHB Suryanarayana Phase-I Chandapura post,Anekal taluk,Bengaluru-560081. **Mrs. Susheela W/o. Chikkaiah** having residence address at #1235, 10th main LIG -A,15th AA Cross, KHB Suryanarayana Phase-I, Chandapura post, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru-560081. **S Kiran Kumar** having residence address at No.65, Bettahalli, Kadabagere post, Dasanapura Hobli,Bangaluru Urban-562130	All that part and parcel of the Residential House property situated at No.1235 LIG II Developed by the Karnataka housing board in development known as "Suryanagara" and situated at Iggaluru-Banahillu Villages of Anekal taluk Bengaluru Urban dist admeasuring East to west 12.00 Mtrs and North to south 9.00 Mtrs in all measuring 108.00 sq mtrs in the name of Mrs. Susheela W/o. Chikkaiah, **Bounded by: East:** Layout Road, **West:** House no 1252 LIG Type B, **North:** House no 1234 LIG Type A, **South:** House no 1236 LIG Type A.	**Rs.1,01,48,277.71 (Rupees One Crore one lakh forty-eight thousand two hundred seventy-seven Rupees Seventy one Paise Only)** Plus further interest w.e.f. from 03-07-2025 thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment	**12.05.2026 From 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs.91,59,000/-** Earnest Money Deposit **(EMD) Rs.9,15,900/-** Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: **11/05/2026 upto 5.00 Pm** Bid Increase Amount **Rs. 25,000/-**	Symbolic Possession	With prior Appointment from the Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://baanknet.com** and online auction portal **https://baanknet.com** and Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Tel No. 081-36245779 & Mobile No: 8291220220**

Date: 24-04-2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda, Gauribidanur Branch

42 Brazilian

Senators voted against Lula da Silva's Supreme Court nominee, leading to first rejection in 132 years

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Mamdani wanted to ask King Charles to return Koh-i-Noor. Did he?

NEW YORK

NEW York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani said he would encourage King Charles III to return the Koh-i-Noor diamond.

"If I was to speak to the King separately from that, I would probably encourage him to return the Koh-i-Noor diamond," Mamdani said at a press conference before he met the British monarch in the city on Wednesday.

Mamdani was asked what he would say to the King, who visited New York City on the second day of his State Visit to the United States.

Hours later, Mamdani met King Charles at the 9/11 memorial, but it was not confirmed whether he discussed the Koh-i-Noor issue with the visiting British monarch.

King Charles and Queen Camilla visited the 9/11 Memorial to pay their respects to the victims of the terror attack.

King Charles addressed a joint meeting of the US Congress Tuesday, as he and Queen Camilla were honoured at a state dinner hosted by President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump in the White House.

They also visited Harlem Grown, a network of urban farms supporting children and families in Upper Manhattan.

The 105.6-carat Koh-i-Noor diamond was given to Queen Victoria in 1849 by Maharajah Duleep Singh. It was worn by the Queen Mother on her crown in 1937.

India has indicated that it will continue to explore ways to bring back the Koh-i-noor from the United Kingdom.

New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani greets Britain's King Charles III on Wednesday | AFP

The country has been raising the matter from time to time with the UK government and said it will continue to explore ways and means for obtaining a "satisfactory resolution of the matter".

The Koh-i-Noor diamond is currently displayed at the Tower of London. The diamond, set within the Crown of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, has "many previous owners, including Mughal Emperors, Shahs of Iran, Emirs of Afghanistan, and Sikh Maharajas," according to the Historic Royal Palaces charity.

The 34-year-old Indian-descent Mamdani is the son of renowned filmmaker Mira Nair and Columbia University professor Mahmood Mamdani.

He is the first Muslim, the first Indian-origin, the first born in Africa, and the youngest one in more than a century to become the Mayor of New York. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

TEEN ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING 30 TORTOISES

Thai authorities arrested a teenager at a Bangkok airport for allegedly smuggling 30 protected tortoises valued at about $9,000 that were taped under her clothing, wildlife officials said Wednesday. Thailand is a major transit hub for wildlife smugglers who often sell highly prized endangered animals on the lucrative black market in Asia. Authorities became suspicious of the 19-year-old Taiwanese woman's unusual movements as she prepared to board a flight to Taipei early Tuesday, Thailand's wildlife conservation department said in a statement.

WIKIMEDIA REGISTERS UNDER LOCAL LAW

The organisation that oversees Wikipedia said on Thursday it completed the registration required to operate in Indonesia after the government threatened to block its services. Under a 2020 regulation, all electronic system providers (PSEs) must register in Indonesia. The Wikimedia Foundation, which owns and operates Wikipedia, had previously said the provision "departs from international human rights norms".

PRO-PALESTINE PROTEST: THREE FINED $2,341

An Indian-origin woman was among three activists, fined $2,341 each on Thursday for organising a procession outside the Presidential Palace to show solidarity with Palestine, reports said. The High Court overturned the acquittal of the three women, Malay-origin Mossammad Sobikun Nahar, 26, Siti Amirah Mohamed Asrori, 30, and Indian-origin Annamalai Kokila Parvathi, 37, accused of organising the procession in 2024, *The Straits Times* reported. Justice See Kee Oon allowed the prosecution's appeal against the acquittal of the three, who each faced one charge of organising a procession in perimeter of Presidential Palace

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, our client is the absolute owner of below mentioned property and she represents that the Original Sale Deed dated 21.04.1994 registered as document No.655/ 1994-95; either lost or misplaced and she is unable to trace the same inspite of her best efforts and she has also lodged a complaint with the Local Police Station on 30.04.2026, regarding the loss of original document. If anyone finds the above-mentioned document, they are hereby requested to deliver the same to the undersigned and if any person were to deal with the said original title deed in respect of the below property other than our client, such transactions will not bind her, and they will be doing so at their own risk and cost.

PROPERTY DETAILS

All the piece and parcel of immovable vacant Property bearing No.13, Having Khata No.21, situated at Gollahalli Village, Anjanapura Panchayath, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently situated within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 60 Ft. and North to South 45 Ft. totally measuring 2700 Sq. Ft.

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Shree Mukhi Associates
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E-Auction Sale Notice

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Hosur SME Branch,** since transferred to **Asset Recovery Management Branch I, Chennai** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **21.05.2026, (Time 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)) for recovery of **Rs. 2,87,14,402.05 (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Seven Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Two and Paise Five only)** due as on **16/04/2026 with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the bank** to the Asset Recovery Management Branch I, Chennai of Canara Bank from **1. M/s. Vallabmahi Electrical Pvt Ltd**, Mr.Venkata Subramanian, Plot No.48 & 49, Vijay Nagar, Near Munishwara Temple, Municipal Office, Bagalur Road, Hosur - 635109. **2. Mr.Venkata Subramanian (Proprietor / Mortgagor),** S/o. Mahalingam, Papayya Building, Opp to D Mart, Bommasandra Village and post, Hosur, Anekal, Bangalore - 560099. **3. Mrs.Parvathi.C (Guarantor),** Plot No.48 & 49, Vijay Nagar, Near Munishwara Temple, Municipal Office, Bagalur Road, Hosur – 635109.

Description of Property **Property 1: Property in the name of Mr.Venkata Subramanian Mahalingam S/o Mr.Mahalingam:** All the part and parcel of the property and building in **Viswanathapuram Village** of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Registration District of Krishnagiri and Sub Registration District of Hosur and also attached to the Village Panchayat Limits of Chennasandiram and Union Council of Hosur.

1. Survey Number : 3/5, Dry Extent Hec.0.53.5 (or) 1.32 Cents, Asst.Rs.1.82 Full extent

2. Survey Number : 3/7, Dry Extent Hec.0.52.0 (or) 1.28 Cents, Asst.Rs.1.76, Full extent, All together making a total extent of **acre 2.60** has been converted into House sites in which **Plot No.48 & 49** and bounded as follows: Boundaries are : East : Plot No.50, West : 27 feet Common Road, North : Plot No.41 & 42, South : 23 Feet common Road, within these boundaries measuring: East to west on the North Side : 60.75 feet, East to west on the South Side : 49.25 feet, North to South on the East Side : 40.00 feet, North to South on the West Side : 30.75+22.75 feet. Totally measuring an extent of **2562 Sq ft land and Building constructed thereof.** The above plot comes under Sy.No.3/7.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,23,50,000/- **EMD Price : Rs.12,35,000/-** **Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-**

Property 2: All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing plot no 115 of an extent of **4-1/8 cents or 1800 sq ft** situated at Old No. 38, New No.34, Puzhal Village comprised in Survey No.331/1, Sakthi Vel Nagar, Madavaram Taluk, formerly Chengalpat District, Now Tiruvallur District within Chennai North Registration District, Red Hills Sub Registration District bounded as follows North by: Land bearing plot No 114, South by: Land bearing plot no 116, East by : Land comprised in Survey No 330, West by : 30 feet common cart track passage, Now subdivided as survey No.331/1A1A3 dry extent Hec.0.01.60 Asst of Rs.0.10 – under patta No.12810.

Reserve Price: Rs. 81,70,000/- **EMD Price : Rs.8,17,000/-** **Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-**

Date and Time of e-Auction

21.05.2026 at 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Date and Time of Inspection of Property: 11.05.2026 between 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Last Date of Submission of EMD : EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan **on or before 20.05.2026 till 5.00 PM.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact Canara Bank, **Asset Recovery Management Branch-I,** Chennai **(Ph. No. 044 - 2849 6339 / 2849 6900)** E-mail: cb2361@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day or Details of Auction Service Provider : **Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220/ 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com/support.baanknet @procure247.com).**
Portal of E-Auction: https://baanknet.com

For the properties which are in symbolic possession of the bank, the Auction purchaser has to comply with the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard terms and condition of the sale.
1. The bidder is purchasing the property in Symbolic Possession at his /own risk and responsibility.
2. Bank will not be responsible or duly bound for handling over of physical possession.
3. Successful Auction Purchaser will not be entitled to claim any interest, in any case of return of money.
4. Successful Auction Purchaser has to submit the Declaration cum undertaking confirming the above terms and conditions (1 to 3) immediately after e-Auction.
5. Subsequent to sale if successful bidder fails to submit Declaration cum Undertaking, the bid EMD amount will be forfeited.

Date : 29.04.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Chennai **Canara Bank**

No compromise on nuclear, missile capabilities: Iran's supreme leader

Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei signals Iran wants to maintain its grip over Strait of Hormuz

DUBAI

IRAN'S supreme leader said Thursday that the Islamic Republic will protect its "nuclear and missile capabilities" as a national asset, likely seeking to draw a hard line as US President Donald Trump seeks a wider deal to cement the shaky ceasefire now holding in the war.

Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, speaking in a written statement read by a state television anchor as he has since taking over as Iran's supreme leader, struck a defiant tone, insisting the only place Americans belonged in the Persian Gulf is "at the bottom of its waters" and that a "new chapter" was being written in the region's history.

However, his remarks come as Iran's oil industry has begun to be squeezed by a US Navy blockade halting its oil tankers from getting out to sea. Meanwhile, benchmark Brent crude for June delivery reached as much as USD 126 a barrel in trading on Thursday as Iran maintains its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a fifth of all crude oil and natural gas traded passes.

WAR WATCH

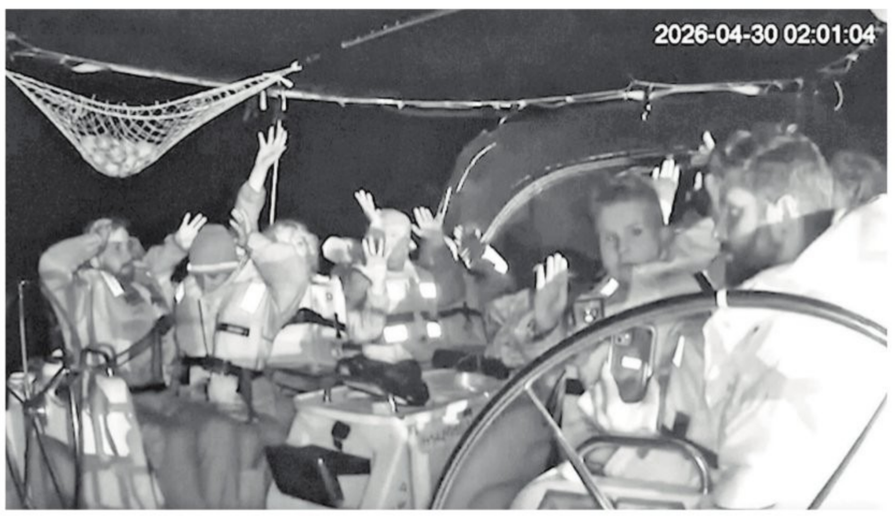
The legal rules and new management of the Strait of Hormuz will bring comfort and progress for the benefit of all the region's nations, and its economic gains will gladden the hearts of the people

Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei

All this is putting additional pressure on the world's economy as Trump likely weighs how to respond. "By God's help and power, the bright future of the Persian Gulf region will be a future without America, one serving the progress, comfort and prosperity of its people," Khamenei said in the statement, read like all others since he reportedly was wounded in the Feb 28 attack that killed his father, the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"We and our neighbours across the waters of the Persian Gulf and the (Gulf) of Oman share a common destiny. Foreigners who come from thousands of kilometers away to act with greed and malice there have no place in it - except at the bottom of its waters."

In his written remarks, Khamenei seemed to signal Iran would maintain its control over the Strait of Hormuz. "Islamic Iran, by giving practical thanks for the blessing of exercising control over the Strait of Hormuz, will make the Persian Gulf region secure and put an end to the hostile enemy's abuses of this waterway," Khamenei said. "The legal rules and new management of the Strait of Hormuz will bring comfort and progress for the benefit of all the region's nations, and its economic gains will gladden the hearts of the people." *AFP*



Screen grab shows people on flotilla boat with their hands raised as Israeli forces intercepted them | AP

Trump warns he may cut US troop count in Germany

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday levelled a new threat against NATO ally Germany, suggesting he could soon reduce the American military presence there as he continues to feud with Chancellor Friedrich Merz over the US-Israel war against Iran. Trump made the threat after Merz earlier this week said that the US was being "humiliated" by the Iranian leadership and criticised Washington's lack of strategy in the war. Trump has also repeatedly railed against NATO for the alliance's refusal to assist the United States in its two-month-old war with Iran

211 activists 'kidnapped' by Israeli forces, Gaza flotilla organisers say

ATHENS

ORGANISERS of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla on Thursday said Israel's army had "kidnapped" 211 activists including a Paris city councillor in a raid in international waters off Greece.

Helene Coron, a spokeswoman for the Global Sumud France, told an online news conference that the operation had taken place near the Greek island of Crete, at an "unprecedented" distance from the Gaza coast.

Yasmine Scola, an activist on board the flotilla, said her colleagues had been "kidnapped" by Israel. Israel's foreign ministry had earlier put the number of those detained at 175. Coron said those intercepted included Paris Communist local councillor Raphaelle Primet and another 10 French nationals.

"We don't have the information for the other nationalities, but the boats were mixed in terms of nationality, so there were crew members from all 48 delegations," she said.

Rome, in a government statement, called for the immediate release of "all the unlawfully detained Italians".

The organisers of the latest flotilla of pro-Palestinian activists seeking to break Israel's blockade on Gaza announced early on Thursday that their boats had been surrounded by Israeli military ships while off the coast of Crete.

"At the time of publishing this statement (06.30 am Paris time, 04.30 GMT), at least 22 of the flotilla's 58 boats have been stormed by Israeli forces in complete violation of international law," the Global Sumud Flotilla said.

According to an AFP verification, based on tracking data from the organisers, the boats were intercepted in the Greek exclusive economic zone (EEZ). *AFP*

US Supreme Court curbs race-based electoral maps in landmark ruling

WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court on Wednesday sharply limited the use of race in drawing electoral districts, in a decision that could reshape congressional maps nationwide and boost Republican prospects ahead of midterm elections.

The court's ruling came in a congressional redistricting case out of Louisiana after the state created a district that gave the state its second Black representative to Congress.

In a 6–3 ruling split along ideological lines, the conservative-dominated court struck down a map that creates a second majority-Black district in Louisiana, finding it amounted to an unconstitutional racial gerrymander despite being drawn to comply with the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA).

The decision leaves the core of the VRA intact but narrows how it can be applied, and will be seen by civil rights activists as a blow to a landmark law that has already been weakened by previous rulings over the past decade.

Democracy Docket, a voting rights media platform, said the ruling could help secure 27 extra Republican seats, cementing the party's control in the US House of Representatives "for at least a generation."

"Without racial protections, maps could be redrawn with almost no limits," the outlet reported. Writing for the majority, Justice Samuel Alito said that compliance with the VRA "could not justify" the use of race in the case, arguing that Section 2 of the act does not require states to draw districts primarily on racial lines.

Justice Elena Kagan warned that the decision would have sweeping consequences, saying it risked letting states "systematically dilute minority citizens' voting power."

The implications could extend far, by making it harder to create or maintain majority-minority districts—a key tool used for decades to ensure representation for minority voters. *AFP*

UK to fast-track law against 'malign state actors'

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday accused Iran of wanting "to harm British Jews", in the wake of the latest attack targeting the country's Jewish community.

"We need stronger powers to tackle the malign threat posed by states like Iran, because we know for a fact that they want to harm British Jews," he said in a statement delivered from Downing Street.

It came the day after two Jewish men were stabbed in the street in north London and following repeated warnings by Starmer and other officials that hostile states were intent on using proxies to conduct attacks in the UK.

Starmer said the government will fast-track a new law to target "malign state actors" as he chaired a security meeting in the wake of an "anti-semitic terrorist attack" in London.

The Home Office said he had arrived in the UK as a child migrant before acquiring British citizenship and the police noted a history of "serious violence and mental health issues".

"There is no getting away from the fact that this was not a one-off," Starmer said.

"This has been a series of attacks on our Jewish community, particularly in recent weeks. And there is a very deep sense of anxiety, of concern about security, about safety, about identity, frankly.

"So, we have to understand that wider impact and that visceral feeling that many in our Jewish community have. And we have to be really clear that an attack on our Jewish community is an attack on all of us. And we have to approach it in that way," he said.

Earlier, the Metropolitan Police's Senior National Coordinator for Counter Terrorism indicated that her teams "remain alive to the threat of Iranian state aggression in the UK" as the conflict in West Asia continues to evolve.

There has been concern around the Iranian regime's "routine use of criminal proxies" and "recruiting violence as a service". "We are fast-tracking legislation to deal with malign state actors," PM said. *PTI*

Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer meets first responders during a visit to Golders Green in north-west London, the day after two men were stabbed | AFP

Heckled Starmer called 'Jew harmer'

Prime Minister Keir Starmer was booed and heckled with shouts of "Jew harmer" Thursday as the Jewish community in London accused him of doing too little to protect them, a day after a knife attack. Starmer was visiting emergency services staff following the attacks, the latest in a spate that have targeted the Jewish community

EXPRESS READ

20 killed as jeep plunges into gorge in Nepal

Kathmandu: At least 20 people were killed on Thursday when a jeep skidded off a hilly road and plunged about 700 metres into a gorge in Nepal's Rolpa district, police said. The accident occurred in the Jaljala area of Thawang rural municipality when the vehicle slipped on a muddy stretch amid rain and fell down the hillside, they said. The private jeep was hired by locals travelling to attend the Baisakh Purnima festival on Friday at Jaljala, according to police inspector Sunil Thapa Nepali, information officer at the District Police Office, Rolpa

287 nominations for Nobel Peace Prize

Oslo: The Norwegian Nobel Institute on Thursday announced that 287 nominations had been submitted for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. The list comprised 208 individuals and 79 organisations, it said, without identifying them. While fewer than the record 376 registered in 2016, the institute said the number remained "consistently high". "In an increasingly conflictual world, there is no lack of candidates whose principled commitment and innovative action points towards a brighter future," the institute said

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Market Watch

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Crude prices hit 4-year high amid geopolitical crisis

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

GLOBAL crude oil prices surged to a four-year high on Thursday as the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz continued, raising concerns over global supply.

Brent crude futures rose to $126.41 a barrel, the highest level since March 9, 2022, before easing to $114.4 per barrel at 9:13 PM IST. Meanwhile, WTI crude futures touched $110.93 earlier in the day before declining to near $104 per barrel.

India, which imports nearly 88% of its crude oil requirements, relies heavily on this route, accounting for about 40% of crude, 50% of LNG and 90% of LPG imports. Despite price volatility, the government said domestic consumers are unlikely to face disruptions.

"The Indian government is trying to ensure that the domestic consumer doesn't have to face any difficulty or faces the least inconvenience due to volatility in global crude prices," said Sujata Sharma, joint secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, during a press briefing.

The disruption follows stalled talks after Iran proposed reopening the Strait while deferring negotiations with the US on its nuclear programme. However, Donald Trump was reportedly "unhappy" with the proposal as it didn't address concerns around Iran's nuclear programme.

Separately, the government said it is identifying households with both LPG and PNG connections as part of efforts to curb misuse of subsidised fuel. Last month, the government barred households with piped natural gas (PNG) connections from retaining subsidised LPG connections by amending the LPG distribution rules.

Officials said over 43,000 PNG consumers have voluntarily surrendered LPG connections. While fuel supply remains normal, authorities have observed panic booking in some areas and urged consumers to avoid unnecessary purchases. Those having PNG connections have been barred from getting domestic LPG connection. For government oil firms, the order prohibited them from "providing a domestic LPG connection, and/or supplying domestic LPG cylinder refills to a consumer who already owns a PNG connection".

OVER THE ODDS

1. Brent crude futures hit high of $126.41 per barrel
2. WTI crude futures touches intra-day high of $110.93
3. Domestic consumers will not face disruptions: Govt

Govt cuts VIL's AGR dues to ₹64k cr

Revised figure is ₹23,600 lower than the telecom dept's earlier estimate of ₹87,695 crore

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to Vodafone Idea, the government has reduced its adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues till December 31, 2026 by ₹23,649 crore to ₹64,046 crore following a reassessment by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

The DoT reassessed VIL's dues after being directed by the Supreme Court to consider relief for the company. As per earlier assessment, AGR dues pending against the telecom company were at ₹87,695 crore.

Vodafone Idea informed the exchanges that it will be required to pay a minimum of ₹100 crore annually over four years from FY32 to FY35. The remaining amount will be paid in six equal annual installments from FY36 to FY41. As per the earlier payment schedule, the telco was required to pay ₹18,000 crore by March 2026.

The government's intervention follows Supreme Court judgments dated October 27 and November 3, 2025, which stated that there was no legal impediment to the government reconsidering the dues. The court also cited public interest, including the government's 49% stake in Vodafone Idea and the interests of its about 20 crore subscribers. Subsequently, the DoT introduced relief measures, including freezing VIL's AGR dues for the period from FY07 to FY19 at ₹87,695 crore as of December 31, 2025. As per VIL, AGR payments of ₹124 crore annually between March 2026 and March 2031, related to dues for FY18 and FY19, were not part of the reassessment.

Meanwhile, the company said the implications of the new payment schedule will be reflected in its Q4 results after discussions with auditors.

After VIL, Bharti Airtel also approached the government requesting the conversion of its deferred spectrum dues into equity. The telecom giant has emphasised the need for a levelplaying field in the implementation of the 2021 telecom reforms package and has called for equitable treatment of all operators, particularly with regard to government relief on statutory dues.

To pay ₹100 cr annually from FY32 to FY35

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RBI transfers 104 tonne of gold to domestic vault

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank (RBI) shifted a substantial portion of its gold reserves to domestic vaults during the second half of FY26, increasing locally held gold by 104 tonne, as per its latest half-yearly report on foreign exchange reserves.

Gold held within India rose to 680.05 tonne as of end-March 2026 from 575.82 tonne at end-September 2025—an increase of about 104 tonne in six months.

Correspondingly, gold held overseas declined sharply. Holdings with the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) fell to 197.67 tonne at end-March 2026 from 290.37 tonne six months earlier, while gold deposits dropped to 2.8 tonne from 13.99 tonne. Overall gold holdings remained largely stable at 880.52 tonne at end-March 2026 compared with 880.18 tonne at end-September 2025.

RUPEE FALLS TO 95.34, CLOSES AT 94.91 AS CRUDE HITS $126/BL

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

RUPEE fell to a new life-time low of 95.34 on Thursday as Brent crude crossed $126 a barrel mark amid West Asia crisis deepening with the stalled ceasefire talks.

The local currency closed the day at a new life-time low of 94.91 a dollar. The new low is significant as the measures the Reserve Bank unveiled to contain high volatility in the forex market has not paid off. In March alone, the RBI had sold more than $40 billion to defend the rupee but without much success.

The US Fed leaving the rates unchanged amid strong inflation pressure triggered by high crude prices also led to the rupee pain. Since the Iran war began, rupee has lost more than 4.4% and nearly 6% so far in 2026. The unit closed fiscal 2026 with a deeper 9.9% cut, which came on the back of another 4.5% loss in the previous fiscal.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, rupee opened at 95.01 against the dollar, then lost 46 paise to touch a record intraday low of 95.34 then recovered to trade at 95.25. Investors fretted over the economic risks confronting the country from a resurgence in crude prices to 2022 highs, threatening the inflation-economic growth balance for the net energy importer and sapping capital flows.

India should target $130 bn FDI by 2030, says Invest India CEO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S share in global foreign direct investment (FDI) has doubled in recent years, but the country needs to significantly improve its storytelling to global investors to sustain momentum, Invest India CEO Nivruti Rai said on Thursday.

Speaking to media here on Thursday, Rai said India's FDI share has risen from an average of about 3% before 2019 to 6% in recent years, even as global capital flows remain competitive. Rai said India is on track to attract an average of $100 billion in annual FDI over the next seven years if current growth trends continue. However, the government aims to push this further to $130 billion by 2030 by accelerating reforms and investment facilitation.

"This is a heavy lift," she acknowledged, noting that the US continues to attract about $300 billion annually, while China drew about $116 billion in the latest comparable period. The strategy, she said, is not about competing with any specific country but about scaling India's economic growth and improving per capita income.

Rai highlighted a shift in Invest India's approach — from facilitating inbound investments to targeting specific sectors and countries. "We are no longer just marketing India. We are proactively seeking investments aligned with India's strategic priorities," she said.

The agency now focuses on nine key sectors and 11 countries that together account for nearly 65% of global FDI flows. These include emerging areas such as electronics, semiconductors, artificial intelligence (AI), aerospace, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals.

She emphasised that AI will be a critical driver of economic growth, data control, and even military capability, making it a strategic priority alongside defence and advanced manufacturing.

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> Nivruti Rai, CEO, Invest India

EXPRESS READ

UPI transaction value exceeds ₹314L cr in '26

NEW DELHI: Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which completed 10 years of operations, has reached a ₹314 lakh crore in transaction value in FY26, representing more than a 4,000-fold increase since inception. The transaction value was just Rs 0.07 lakh crore in 2016-17, the first year of UPI operation. *ENS*

CommMin notifies RoDTEP schedules

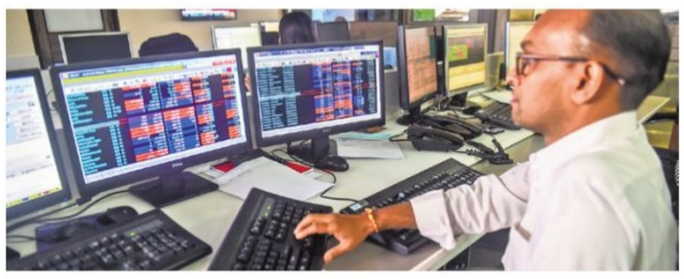
NEW DELHI: Commerce ministry on Thursday notified revised remission of duties and taxes on exported products (RoDTEP) schedules for alignment with the amended Customs tariff structure. The revision covers 194 tariff lines, including addition of 142 new 8-digit tariff lines, deletion of 50 and modification. *ENS*

Govt revises export duty on diesel, ATF

NEW DELHI: Finance ministry on Wednesday notified revised export levies on petroleum products for the fortnight beginning May 1, 2026, keeping domestic fuel duties unchanged. As per the notification, the export duty on diesel has been set at ₹23 per litre, Export duty on ATF has been fixed at ₹33 per litre. *ENS*

Bear grip tightens as Nifty closes below 24,000

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi



DOMESTIC equity market recorded another session of decline, with benchmarks BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty plummeting by about 1,237 points and 380 points in intraday trading as relentless selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) and higher crude prices continue to weigh on market sentiment.

Brent crude oil prices peaked at $126 a barrel for the first time in four years, intensifying inflationary concerns and raising the risk of fuel price hikes. The market recovered from the day's low and at close, the Sensex was down 582.86 points or 0.75% at 76,913.50, and the Nifty fell 180.10 points or 0.74% to settle at 23,997.55.

The fresh downturn has erased much of the recovery the market experienced from the lows of March 30 when the West Asia crisis was in full swing. Before the current selling spree in which the benchmarks have declined about 3% each in 8 sessions, Sensex and Nifty had gained about 10% between April 1 and April 21 in the backdrop of a ceasefire in the region, peace talks and softening crude oil prices.

In the latest update of the US-Iran conflict, US President Donald Trump said Washington's blockade of Iranian ports has been a success and urged Iran to "just give up" as tension mounted in the region over control of the Strait of Hormuz, which accounts for 20% of global oil transit. Iran, meanwhile, is in no mood to loosen its grip on the vital checkpoint.

"Global sentiment deteriorated as US–Iran tensions escalated and major maritime shipping routes faced continued disruption. Brent crude crossed $120 per barrel mark for the first time in four years, intensifying inflation concerns and pressuring global risk assets," said Vinod Nair, research head, Geojit Investments Limited.

Fewer new projects resulting in slow corp loan growth: Indian Bank CEO

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

SUBDUED growth in corporate loan uptake is primarily due to fewer new projects being launched, rather than any reluctance by banks to lend to corporates. Indian Bank Managing Director and CEO Binod Kumar told TNIE that the issue behind slower corporate loan growth is weak demand.

"There are fewer new projects coming up in sectors like cement and other core industries. Demand is visible in sectors like data centres and green energy. Road projects had driven capex over the past few years, but even that has slowed recently," Kumar said in an interaction with TNIE.

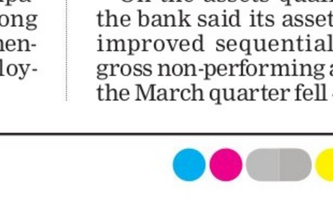
The bank reported a 19% growth in retail loan uptake, while corporate loans grew by 9.19% in Q4FY26 — an improvement over 3% growth in the same period last year. Kumar attributed the slower corporate loan growth to corporates relying on internal accruals and equity funding.

"Bond markets have also been active, so bank credit demand from corporates is relatively lower," he said. For the bank, corporate loans account for 34% of its total loan book, followed by agriculture at 25%, retail at 23%, and MSMEs at 18%.

Credit growth outpaced deposit growth in Q4, with credit growing by 13.43% and deposits by 12.29%. The bank expects deposits to grow at 9–11% and advances at 11–13% in FY27.

As per Kumar, CASA (current and savings account) deposits, which formed 39.67% of the bank's total deposits at the end of FY26, are expected to remain around 40% in FY27.

Kumar said maintaining a 40% CASA ratio is becoming challenging due to a structural shift in customer behaviour. "People now prefer investing in mutual funds or other instruments rather than keeping idle balances in savings accounts," he said. To address this, the bank is focusing on salary accounts and transaction-based accounts, where balances remain for shorter periods but still provide some float. The bank's average cost of deposits has declined from 5.12% in FY25 to 4.98% in FY26. However, Kumar said there is little room for further reduction. "Credit growth continues to outpace deposit growth, leading to competition for deposits. If this trend continues, deposit rates may actually harden rather than soften," he said.



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Q4 RESULTS FY2026

Adani Ent posts ₹221 cr loss, APSEZ profit surges 10.4%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Enterprises (AEL) on Thursday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹220.7 crore for the quarter ending March 2026 (Q4FY26). The Adani Group flagship firm had reported a net profit of ₹3,845 crore in the same quarter a year ago (Q4FY25) due to an exceptional gain of ₹3,945.7 crore following a stake sale in AWL Agri Business (formerly Adani Wilmar).

The company said profit after tax (PAT) in the reported quarter were affected by depreciation on recently commissioned assets of Navi Mumbai and Copper plant. AEL revenue from operations for Q4FY26 jumped 20.3% YoY to ₹32,439.3 crore.

Meanwhile, Adani Ports & SEZ (APSEZ), India's largest private port operator, reported a 10.4% year-on-year rise in consolidated net profit to ₹3,329 crore in Q4FY26.

Mphasis profit rises 14% on AI deals

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

IT services firm Mphasis on Thursday reported a 14% year-on-year rise in net profit for the March quarter, supported by strong deal wins led by artificial intelligence.

The company posted a consolidated net profit of ₹509.6 crore for Q4FY26, compared with ₹446.5 crore a year earlier. Revenue rose 14.4% YoY and 6% sequentially to ₹4,242.7 crore. In constant currency terms, revenue grew 2.5% sequentially and 7.1% YoY.

For the full year, revenue grew 11.6% to ₹15,879.6 crore, while net profit rose to ₹1,862.6 crore from ₹1,702.1 crore in FY25. The company reported total contract value wins of $2.1 billion in FY26, up 68% YoY, with nearly 60% of these deals being AI-led. In the March quarter alone, it signed deals worth $407 million, of which 64% were driven by AI.

"The value of true AI lies not in isolated use cases, but in systematically embedding intelligence at scale across applications, processes, and decision flows. This shift is enabling enterprises to re-architect themselves around what we describe as agentic AI, systems that are not only predictive, but capable of driving decisions and actions in a governed, autonomous manner," Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Nitin Rakesh said during the quarterly earnings call.

He added that the company is seeing a shift among enterprises from experimentation to large-scale deployment of AI initiatives.

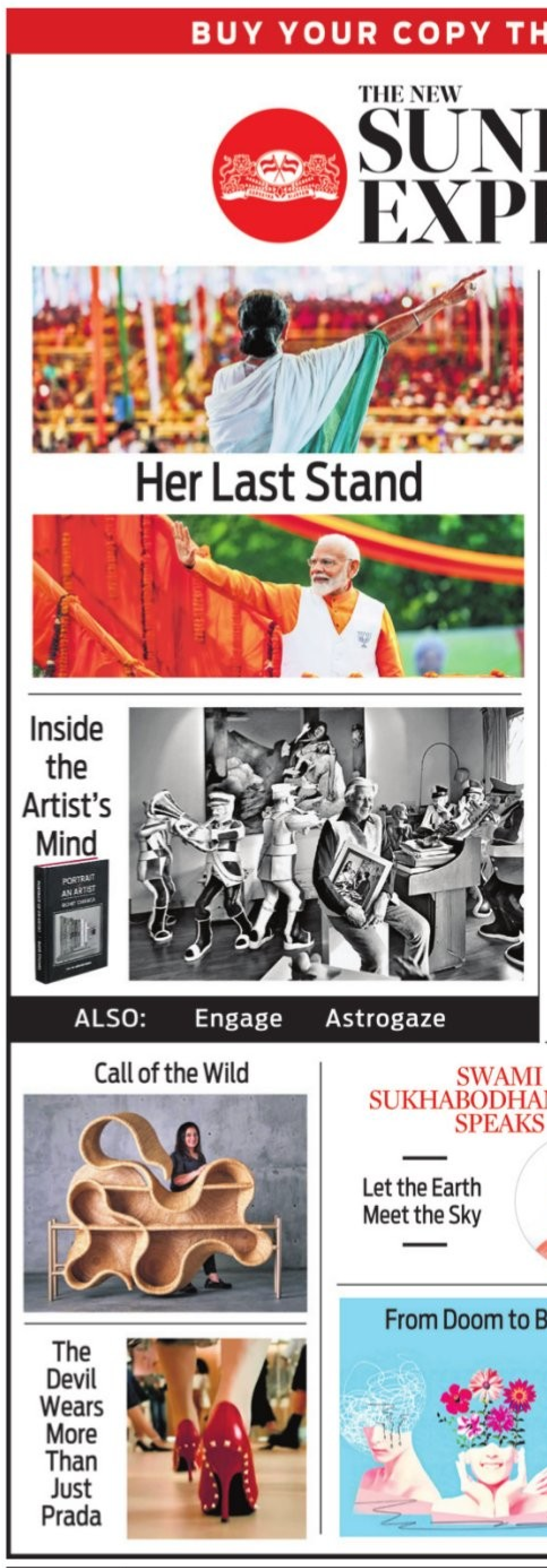
IDBI Bank profit falls 5.3% despite 17% surge in NII

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

LIC-owned IDBI Bank on Thursday reported a marginal 5.3% drop in net income to ₹1,943.2 crore for the March quarter, despite a healthy core income growth.

Net interest income of the bank rose 17% to ₹3,851.5 crore, while net interest margin grew by 15 bps to 4.15%, the city-based lender said in an exchange filing on Thursday.

On the assets quality side, the bank said its asset quality improved sequentially with gross non-performing assets in the March quarter fell 4.02% to ₹6,028.12 crore from ₹6,280.94 crore in the previous quarter and the net NPAs declined 10.67% to ₹379.90 crore from ₹425.28 crore. In percentage terms, these ratios fell 25 bps to 2.32 and by 3 bps to 0.15. The filing, however, didn't say despite improved asset quality and healthy core income how the bottom line was hit.



UJVN Limited

H.O.: "UJJAWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808; Fax: 0135- 2763508
CIN NO. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 360 **Corrigendum No.13 (Time Extension)** Dated : 29/04/2026

e-Tender No. 01/DGM (E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26

Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of e-Tender No. 01/DGM(E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26 invited by office of the Dy. General Manager, E&M Design-II, UJVN Ltd., Ganga Bhawan, Yamuna Colony, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) are hereby extended as follows:

Last date for submission of bid on e-portal : 08.05.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of Original document (Hard copies) : 13.05.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Date & Time of opening of Technical bid on e-portal :14.05.2026 from 11:00 Hrs.

Other terms & condition shall remain same. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".

Dy. General Manager (E&M Design-II)

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"THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"

TENDER NOTICE No: S/2026/18 Date:27.04.2026

The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, Headquarter Jaipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on **www.ireps.gov.in** site as follows.

Sr.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Unit	Due date
1	20261693	Suspension Tube for WAG-9 and WAP 7	50	Nos	15.05.2026
2.	40251832A	DISCONNECTING AND EARTHING DEVICE, 8-POLE, 2-WAY	214	Nos	20.05.2026
3	20261402	Air Compressor [Main] with motor	10	Nos	20.05.2026
4	10251614A	COIL SOLENOID	562	Nos	29.05.2026
5	6325ENG40	Manufacture and supply of 6.0 mm thick Nylon Cord Reinforced Grooved Rubber Sole Plates (Pocket Type)	2300	Set	15.06.2026

Note:. (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website **ireps.gov.in** for Full details/ description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. **(2)** For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 50 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**

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Bangalore West City Corporation, Zone-1

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, Near Ramakrishna Hegde Park,
Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072. e-mail id: eerrndiv@gmail.com

No. BWCC/EE/RRND/Tend/01/2026-27 Date: 30.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through GOK E-Procurement (KPPP) Portal Only) KW-1

The Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, BWCC, Bengaluru invites tenders on behalf of the commissioner, BWCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No	Name of the Work
1	Establishment of temporary mansoon control room in Rajarajeshwari Nagara Subdivision (Ward no. 22, 23, 24, 25) for the year 2026-27. Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): **10.00.** EMD Amount (in Rs.): **25000.00.** Stipulated Date of Completion: **120 Days.** Reservation of Works to: **Others.** Cost of Tender form in Rs.: **As per KPP Portal.**
2	Establishment of temporary mansoon control room in Srigandha Kavalu Subdivision (Ward no. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30) for the year 2026-27. Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): **12.50.** EMD Amount (in Rs.): **31250.00.** Stipulated Date of Completion: **120 Days.** Reservation of Works to: **Others.** Cost of Tender form in Rs.: **As per KPP Portal.**
3	Establishment of temporary mansoon control room in Laggere Subdivision (Ward no. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35) for the year 2026-27. Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs): **12.50.** EMD Amount (in Rs.): **31250.00.** Stipulated Date of Completion: **120 Days.** Reservation of Works to: **Others.** Cost of Tender form in Rs.: **As per KPP Portal.**

Calendar of events as follows: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement **(kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** portal of the Government of Karnataka from **08.05.2026. (2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal **on or before 16.00 hours on 15.05.2026** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Financial Bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the **office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwarinagara Division, BWCC** on **18.05.2026 @ 16.30 hours.** (If Possible).

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rajarajeshwarinagara Division,
Bengaluru West City Corporation Zone-1.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I CHELUVAIAH M R, aged 47 Years, Occupation Business, Residing in No.27, Maragondanahalli, Sulikere Post, Kengeri Hobali, Banagalore South, Bangalore-560060, do hereby state on oath as under that my son **Vijay Kumar M C** has completed his **ICSE(X)** Board Examination during the Year 2024-2025 at Sharada Residential School with the **Unique ID 8625477 and Index Number. 1255709/145.** In all his certificates, my name is wrongly mentioned as **CHALUVAIAH M R** instead of **CHELUVAIAH M R.** It has to be recorded as **CHELUVAIAH M R** vide affidavit sworn before the notary **DEVARAJA E., B.Sc., LL.B, Banglore.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr. Akbar Ali,** S/o Mr. Abbas and **Mrs. P. Ayesha Sajida** W/o Mr.Akbar All are intending to purchase the schedule property from Ms. Suraksha Reddy Lokesh D/o. Mr.V.R.Lokesh and family members(LR's of Late RL Raksha); person's objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file the objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate falling which, our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **H.L.Katha No.252, Assessment No.34/7B and 34/13, Property No 44 (Forty Four), BBMP E-PID No. 3483451832, situated at Cholanayakan-halli Village, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30-0 (Thirty) feet and North to South 38-0 (Thirty Eight) feet in all totally measuring 1140 Square feet** and bounded on:
East by : Property No. 43 belongs to L Pradeep Rao,
West by : Property No. 45, **North by** : Road,
South by : Site Nos 49 and 50 .

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
MR. VENKATESH CHANDRAN, M.A, L.L.B
Advocate & Legal Consultant, Mb-9845846428

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client **SMT.DEEKSHA DHIRESH PAI,** D/o DHIRESH DATTATRAYA PAI, aged about 37 years, Residing at : 225, Vignesh, 2nd A Main, Syndicate Bank Layout, Herohalli, Bengaluru – 560 091. intends to enter in to registered agreement from the present owner Sri. BHASKAR. S. BADIGER GANUGULA S/o. late Shankrappa, aged about 58 years, and his legal heir purchased by virtue of sale deed dated:28-10-2017, vide Document No. NGB-1-05947-2017-18, Book of 1, C.D. No.NGBD321, from Smt. Manjula.T, W/o Late Siddegowda, and her legal heirs, Registred in the office of the Sub Register Rajajinagara (Nagarabhavi), Bengaluru. the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner Sri. BHASKAR. S. BADIGER GANUGULA S/o. late Shankrappa, R/a, Residing at : No.22, 7th Cross, Kurabanahalli, Mahalakshmipuram Badavane, Bengaluru -560 086, If any person's having any kind of Agreements, MOU, Memorandum of Title Deeds, Registred or Unregistered, or other any type of transactions with above said owner, legal heirs, Firm or entity/authority having any right, title, and interest in respect to the schedule property, and any other manor of objections over the scheduled property may lodge their claims/objections in writing supported by relevant documents to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that not valid claims and objections subsist and thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the above said transaction with owner referred above.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.758, Block -4,EPID No.2962404197, BBMP Khatha, No.1923, Old Khatha No.2258, Carved out of residentally Converted SY No.25 of Lingadeeranahalli Village, duly converted vide Conversion No.ALN/S.R(N) 37/2001-2002, in the residential layout formed by the Karnataka Government Class D Employees House Building Co. Operative Society Ltd, situated at Herohalli Village Panchayath, Yeshwanthapura Habli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.40-Doddabidarakallu, measuring East to West 30 and North to South 40.6 Ft, in all measuring 1215 Sq Ft, together with the RCC roofed top G+2 Building. AND BOUNDED ON THE:
EAST BY : SITE NO.759,
WEST BY : SITE NO.757,
NORTH BY : SITE NO.733,
SOUTH BY : 30 FEET WIDE ROAD.

SANTHOSH KUMAR. B.R.
ADVOCATE M.A., LL.B.
MAHESHA. M
ADVOCATE B.A.L, LL.B, M.B.L,
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No.12/1, Jangama Kuteera, 3rd Main Road, Ramanohanpura, Bengaluru-21.
Mob : 99162 67452 / 78922 75209
Email : brsanthoshkumar6666@gmail.com
Date : 30.04.2026

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are Re- invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 81514, (2) 81516, (3) 81558, (4) 81560, (5) 81565, (6) 81293.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/17/2026 **GENERAL MANAGER**

UJVN LTD.

H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135 - 2763808, Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. : U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

Letter No 366 **Date extention notice** Dated 30.04.2026

Due to unavoidable reason the dates of tender invited against e-NIT No. 01/EE(Civil)/MT/2026-27 for the work "Geo Technical Investigations at Mori-Tiuni HEP at District- Uttarkashi/Dehradun."are hereby extended as follows:

Last Date for submission of bid on website: 09-05-2026 upto 17.00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of original documents: 10-05-2026 upto 17.00 Hrs.
Date & time of opening of bid on website : 13-05-2026 upto 11.30 Hrs.

All other term and condition of the tender shall remain unchanged for fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "**https://uktenders.gov.in**"

Executive Engineer (Civil),
MoriTiuni, Project Dakpathar

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TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD

Nanthancode, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 003
e-mail : itdivision.tdb@kerala.gov.in
www.travancoredevaswomboard.org

Expression of Interest (EOI)

For Supply, Installation and Commissioning of High-Speed Coin Counting and Segregation Machine at Sabarimala.

The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed, experienced and technically qualified manufacturers, system integrators and solution providers for the design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of a High-Speed Coin Counting and Segregation Machine for use at Sabarimala Temple.

For more details visit official website:
http://travancoredevaswomboard.org/

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identification No. U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number : 9646123323)

Tender Inquiry No. PPR - 11/2026 **Dated: 29.04.2026**

Chief Engineer / PP&R Organization, Shed No. D-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender under three part bid system for supply of electrical energy from interstate/intrastate sources viz. Generators, Traders having Valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, intrastate trading license issued by PSERC for intrastate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, IPPs & CPPs from 1st June 2026 to 31st July 2026. The link for the e-Bidding portal is www.mstcecommerce.com and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power (www.Powermin.nic.in) and PFC Consultancy Limited (www.pfcindia.com). For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to **www.mstcecommerce.com** from **29.04.2026** onwards.

Note:-Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **www.mstcecommerce.com**

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1079/12/2026-27/11080

Karnataka Public works Department.

Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.09/2026-27 Dt: 28.04.2026

Invitation For Short Term Tenders (IFT) KW-3&4
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 01 work under 5054 KRDCL Bridge Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The dates are published as below.

(Amount Put to Tender Rs.94.20 Lakhs, EMD Amount Rs.188411/-)

1. Last date for tender information enquieries : 06-05-2026 :17.00. 2. Last date for submission of tender: 07-05-2026 : 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid: 08-05-2026 : 11.00. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid: 11-05-2026 : 17.00. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered. Here after Changes with Refference to This Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
DIPR/TUM/48/KSMCA/2026-27 PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. CEE/Tr(Op)Z/KLB/SEE (O)/AEE-1/2026-27/1037 **Date: 30.04.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL, Transmission (Operations) Zone, Kalaburagi invites bids from the eligible bidders for the following services tenders. **Bid Enquiry No: 1) CEE/PRO/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2026-27/Services-1/43no's Security Guards-KLB-call-2, Dtd:29.04.2026. (2) CEE/PRO/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2026-27/Services-2/54 no's Security Guards-MRB –call-2, Dtd:29.04.2026.**

Particulars of Work: (A) Tender for outsourcing the services of security guards 43 no's provided at various stations/office buildings/MW stores of Tr (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Kalaburagi at **1)** 220KV R/S KPTCL, Kapanoor -03no's, **2)** 220KV R/S Humnabad-03no's, **3)** 220KV R/S Halabarga -03no's, **4)**220kV R/s Santhapur-3no's, **5)** 220KV R/S Sedam - 03nos, **6)** 220KV R/S Shahapur- 03no's, **7)** TL&SS Division Office Building, Yadgir -3no's, **8)** 220kV Ramasamudra-03no's, **9)**Major Works Store, Kalaburagi - 06no's,**10)**220kV Station Ganagapura (Nimbarga)- 03no's and **11)** Zonal office building "Prasarana Bhavan in Kalaburagi district"- (1+9nos, Head guard-1no and Security guard 9nos) by an external agency - Call-2 **(Amt. put to tender Rs.1,35,77,450/-)**

(B) Tender for outsourcing the services of security guards 57no's provided various stations/MW stores of Tr (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad at **1)** 400KV Ballari Pooling Station, Kudithini-12no's, **2)** 220KV R/S Allipura-3no's, **3)** 220KV R/S Itagi-3no's, **4)** 220KV R/S Kushtagi-3no's, **5)** 220KV R/S Sindhanoor-3no's, **6)** 220KV R/S Lingasugur - 3no's, **7)** 220KV R/S Raichur-3no's, **8)** 220KV R/S Mallat-3no's, **9)** Sulekal(Gangavathi)-3no's, **10)** 220kV R/S Halavarthy -3no's, **11)** Major Works store Ballari-3nos, **12)**220kV R/S Neelgunda-3no's, **13)** 220kV Badaladaku-3no's, **14)** Hot Line sub-division Munirabad - 3no's, **15)** 220kV Somasamudra-3no's and **16)** 220KV R/S Yelaburga -3no's by an external agency -Call-2. **(Amt put to tender Rs.1,75,37,424/-).**

The bids will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by login onto KPTCL website **https:/kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https:/www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02.05.2026.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele)
Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan,
Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXIInd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-7)

P & SC No. 260/2024

Between: 1. Mrs. Ramaiah Narayanamma, W/o late Mr. A.V. Ramanjaneya, Aged about 67 years, R/at No. S-366, 1st main, 5th Cross, Sharadambha Nagar, Jalahalli Village, Bangalore-560 013 **...Petitioner No.1**
2. Mr. Manjunath Ramanjaneya, S/o late. Mr. A.V. Ramanjaneya, Aged about 45 years, R/at No-248, 3rd Cross, Maruthi Layout, Dasarahalli, Hebbala Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore -560024 **...Petitioner No.2**
3. Mrs. Mamatha. R, D/o late. Mr. A.V. Ramanjaneya, W/o Mr. Chandan Kumar.N.S Aged about 43 years, R/at No-651, 5th Main Road, Kalyan Housing Layout Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Naga Devanahalli, Jnana Bharathi Post, Bangalore-560056 **...Petitioner No.3**
4. Mr. Mahesh Kumar. R, S/o late Mr. A.V. Ramanjaneya, Aged about 40 years, R/at No. S-366, 1st main, 5th Cross, Sharadhambha Nagar, Jalahalli Village, Bangalore-560013 **...Petitioner No.4**

And : The ICICI Bank Limited and others

PUBLIC NOTICE

2. The Sree. Kanva Souharda Co-Operative Credit Limited, Reg. No.106/2004-05 #861, Kanva Sri Sai Complex, Opp. Modi Hospital, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560086 Rep by its Managing Director N. Nanjundaiah **...Respondent No.2**
3. The Kanva Fashions Limited #861, Kanva Sri Sai Complex, 1st Floor, Modi Hospital Road, W.O.C Road, 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560086 Represented by its Rep by its Managing Director N. Nanjundaiah **...Respondent No.3**

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioners, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The schedule below mentioned has been held by A.V. Ramanjaneya i,e., husband of petitioner No.1 and father of petitioners No. 2 to 4 herein who expired on 27/09/2020.

Respondent nos.2 & 3 of you and interested parties are hereby called upon to appear in person or through a pleader on **22/06/2026 at 11 A.M.** before this Court to answer the said petition. Take notice that in default of your appearance, the petition will be heard declared as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Item No.2 : One fixed deposit in Sree. Kanva Souharda Co-Opertive Credit Limited, Bangalore i,e., respondent No.2, Rs.1,00,000/- vide F.D. No. 5700 on 27/11/2015 along with the proportionate interests accrued thereupon till payment.
Item No.3 : Invested as Kanva suvarna Nidhi amount Rs. 10,000/- on 02/02/2018 for 78 months maturity amount is Rs. 20,000/- with the Sree. Kanva Souharda Co-Opertive Credit Limited, Bangalore i,e., Respondent No.2 along with the proportionate interests accrued thereupon till payment.
Item No.4: One share certificate, each share certificate is 1000 in Kanva Fashions Limited i.e., the respondent No. 3 on 31/8/2013 vide, Certificate No.614 along with the proportionate interests accrued thereupon till Payment.

Given under my hand & seal of the court, this 25/04/26.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for the Petitioners : Muchandi & Co.
G-1, Tasker Park, 10, Park Road, Tasker Park, Bangalore-560051 Ph: 080-41713335

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my clients, Sri Ashwin S. Jamadgni and Smt. Soundarya V., residing at No. 179, Sri Lakshmi, Narsimha Nilaya, 15th A Cross, 3rd Phase, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru - 560086, are the absolute owners in lawful possession and enjoyment of the immovable property bearing Site No. 27, RDPR No. 150200201300921153, Khatha No. 1659/27, formed in the layout known as "B.G. Chandrashekaraiah Layout", carved out of converted Sy. No. 25, measuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas, situated at Papanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.

The said land was converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide Official Memorandum No. **ALN(JALA).SR.84/2015-16** dated **09-12-2016**, and the layout plan was approved by **BIAAPA** vide L.P. No. **BIAAPA/TP01/LAO/18/2016-17/2095** dated **14-02-2018**. The schedule property measures: East to West: **12.19 Meters,** North to South: **9.14 Meters,** Total measuring **111.41 Sq. Meters (1200 Sq. Ft.),** and bounded on, **East by:** Site No. 10, **West by:** 9 Meters Road, **North by:** Site No. 28, **South by:** Site No. 26.

The above said property was acquired by my clients under a **Registered Sale Deed dated 24-06-2019**, executed by **Sri C.R. Suresh**, and registered as **Document No. JAL-1-00758-2019-20** in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jala (Gandhinagar), Bengaluru.

It is further notified that the **original registered Sale Deed dated 24-06-2019** has been lost/misplaced and is not traceable despite diligent search. In this regard, a complaint has been lodged before the Bengaluru City Police on **29-04-2026**, and the same has been registered as **Lost Report No. 2179182/2026.**

Therefore, any person(s), financial institution(s), or authority(ies) having found the said original document, or having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, charge, mortgage, objection, or encumbrance whatsoever over the schedule property, are hereby called upon to intimate the undersigned in writing together with supporting documents within **07 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

Failing which, it shall be presumed that no person has any claim whatsoever over the said property, and the property shall be treated as free from all claims, objections, and encumbrances. Any person who has found the above original Sale Deed is requested to contact the undersigned immediately.

Tarun, Advocate
No. 1728/8, K.K. Villa
1st "E" Main Road, Opp. Sri Sai Women College, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010.
Ph: 9844332543

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, AT BANGALORE

Case No : O.A. No.253/2025

Summons under sub-section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub - Rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Between : State Bank of India **...Applicant**

And:
Sri B. LOKESH KUMAR AND ANOTHER ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993

To : 1) Sri B. Lokesh Kumar, S/o. Bhaktvachalam, Aged Major, R/o. 204/149, Old Washermenpet, Soliappan Street, Chennai, Tamilnadu - 600 021.
Also at : Sy. No. 200, SAL Layout, Sai Vrudda Ashram Road, Next to Sreenivasa Theatre, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560 067. **...Defendant.**

Whereas, this Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum **Amount of debt in Rs.64,26,260/-** Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed , in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **04.06.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this the **28.04.2026.**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client by name **Sri. Basavarajaiah.H** S/o Late Honnappa R/at Chaithanya Nilaya, Sreenagara Badavane, Basavanahalli Village, Nelamangala Talluk, Bangalore rural District, Being the absolute owner has lost Original Sale deed dated 12/03/1993 in respect of property bearing Khaneshumari No.158/76 formed in Sy No.25/1 and 28 of Basavanahalli Village, measuring to an extend of East-West :40, North-South-30 Feet Situated at Basavanahalli Village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore rural District, Which was registered by R.Hariprakash to K.P.Nalini Registered in Office of Sub Registrar Nelamangala in vide No.2294/92-93 Book No.1, Volume No.1665, Page No 11-13 dated 12/03/1993. And blue print approved by N.D.A for Construction of House. When he was come to Near Nelamangala Taluk Office and while getting Xerox of the same, he lost the Original Documents. My client in that regard has registered the complaint vide G.S.C No.70/26 dated 10/04/2026. If any one finds the same please return to my office/My client/to the nearest Police Station. If the same is misused then they will be prosecuted Under the Law.

Dilip Kumar. B.A, Advoacte
Basvanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli,
Nelamangala Taluk. Mob: 9740574024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public hereby informed that my Client SRI. AKIFF DELVI, Son of Sri. Sirajuddin Delvi, R/at. No. 114, B Street Moore Road, Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560005 has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner SRI. NALLAMUTHU VEERAMANI, Son of Late. Veeraman, R/at. No. 14/1, 6th Main Road, Kariyanna Palya, Ramachandra Layout, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru- 560084.

Any person/s having any claim over the Schedule Property or having any objections to the proposed sale, may kindly loge their objections within 7 days of this notice, with documentary evidence to the undersigned. If no objections are received, my client will proceed further with the purchase and any objections raised after the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site No. 25, Property No. 2419/3, Assessment No. 130, H.L. Katha No. 3755, BBMP E-PID No. 1288302824, situated at Ramachandra Layout, Kariyanapalya, Kacharakanahalli Dakale, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., and bounded on the: East By : Property No.26, West By : Property No.24, North By : Road, South By : Property No. 18.

PUNEETH KUMAR .D, Advocate
No. 6-53, Palace Guttahalli Main Road,
Near Girija Towers, 8th Cross Down,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003
M: 9880148604,
E: legalsolution.nnp@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the Bank of Baroda, J.C. Road Branch intends to accept the under mentioned property standing in the name of M/s. SVG Exports Private Limited represented by its Managing Director, which is more fully described in schedule hereunder and acquired through in Sale Deed, in respect of the schedule property executed by M/s. Concord Industries in favour of M/s. SVG Hotels Pvt. Ltd. registered as Doc. No. ANK-1-12668/2006-07, CD No. ANKD140, dated 14.07.2006, in the office of the subregistrar, Anekal as a security for a loan / credit facility requested by my customer.

In case of anyone has got any right/title/interest/claims over the property under mentioned schedule property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 10 days along with necessary proof to substantiate their claim. If no response is received within 10 days, it is presumed that the property is free of any charge / claim / encumbrance and Bank Shall proceed with the mortgage.

Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of Industrial Plot bearing No. 256A, Khata No. 295, situated in Bommasandra Industrial Area, in Sy. No. 237 and 239 of Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 5236 Sq. Mtrs along with 270 Squares i.e. approx. 27000 square feet industrial shed and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Plot No. 256-B, South by : Plot No. 255-B, Site measurement as per possession certificate : North : (119.50 + 24.00)=143.50 Mrts. South : 135.00 Meters, East : (18.50 + 23.50)=43.00 Mtrs. West : 42.00 Mtrs.

BANK OF BARODA
J.C. Road Branch, Bangalore.
Ph : 080-22224835

IN THE COURT OF III ADD. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT RAMANAGARA

P & SC No.50/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. VENKATESHA MURTHY alias Chikka Venkatesha S/o Late Srinivasaiah and Late Lakshmamma Aged about 45 years R/at No.266/2 Amma Nilaya Shanthi Vidya Nagara Padma Upadhaya Layout Nagadevana halli Bengaluru North-560 056 **... PETITIONER**

AND

NIL ... RESPONDENTS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, the Petitioner has made a petition to this Court under Section 276 of Indian Succession Act for grant of Probate under WILL, dated 21.02.1984 executed by VENKATAPPA, S/o. Govinda Gowda, who is the grand father of petitioner herein in respect of the schedule property in favour of the petitioner, the said VENKATAPPA, S/o. Govinda Gowda, died on 24/06/1986. If any parties are having any manner of claim, interest in the said properties, they may appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through an agent at **11.00 a.m. on 10/06/2026**, failing which, the above matter will be decided ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO.1
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.17/4, situated at Vengalappanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, measuring to an extent of 5 acre 36 Guntas and bounded on the: East by: Property of Dodda Hanumaiah, West by: Property of Ankaiah, North by: Property of C. M. Rangaiah. South by: Property of Narasimaiah.

ITEM NO.2
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.21/1, measuring to an extent of 20 guntas, situated at Vengalappanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on the: East by: Government Canal, West by: Government Road, North by: Property of Kabbe Rangaiah, South by: Property of Narayanappa S/o Jeevogi Rayaru and Govt Canal

ITEM NO.3
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.1748/1714,VS, Hosapete, Magadi Town, Ramanagara Taluk and District, measuring East to West: 112.0 Square Feet, and North to South: 30 Feet and East to West: 11 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet and bounded on the: East by: Government Road, West by: House of Javarappa, North by: Property belongs to Venkatesha Murthy, S/o. Govindappa, South by: House of Siddamma.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on the day of 30/04/2026.

By Order of the Court Chief Administrative Officer District Court, Ramanagara.
KAMAKSHI B. S., Advocate,
Reddy and Associates,
CA site No. 8, Chambers No.2, 18th Main, 60 Feet Road, Padmanabhanagara, Bengaluru-70

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (e-Governance)

Sakala Mission
Room No.124, 1st Floor, 1st Gate, M.S. Building, Bengaluru-01.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sakala Mission has invited tender through the e-Procurement portal vide **Tender No: DPAREGOV/2026-27/SE0044, Dated:30.04.2026** for providing manpower services on outsource basis for a total of 48 posts, including technical and non-technical posts. The tender documents and detailed information can be obtained from the website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further information, please contact: **080-2203 2857.**

Sd/-
Administrative Officer
& Tender Inviting Authority
DIPR/CP/457/MAA/2026-27 **Sakala Mission, DPAR(e-Governance)**

DOCUMENT LOST

I, KR RAJANNA, S/o Sri. Rudrappa, aged about 65 years, residing at No. 671, 3rd Main Road, Near Surana College, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore-560060, I have lost my **original Sale Agreement Copy in respect of Site No.8, KNS Alora, situated at Koluru Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Vide Document No.RRN-1-02873-2024-25, Book-I, Dt: 21.06.2024.** I have lost it on 01.04.2026 missing in travelling bus . Therefore, if the above original Sale Agreement is found, I request youl further declare that the information furnished in my affidavit is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Canara Bank

JC ROAD BRANCH (10412), 1ST FLOOR, JASMINE MANSION,
JC ROAD, BENGALURU, 560002, MOB: 9449860021
EMAIL ID : cb10412@canarabank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri. S RAMAMURTHY was working as **NND** agent in **Canara Bank JC ROAD BRANCH(10412)**since **05/11/1984 .On 06/04/2026** he has given resignation due to health issues. If the customers have any queries related to their NND accounts,the same should be brought to the notice of the bank with in **30** days from the public notice and no claims will be entertained after the expiry of the stipulated period.

Place : Bangalore **Authorized Officer**
Date : 30.04.2025 **Canara Bank**

CORRIGENDUM / RECTIFICATION TO PUBLIC NOTICE

This corrigendum is issued in continuation of the Public Notice published on Indian Express dated 28/02/2026, regarding the loss of property documents of my client Smt. T. Shobha, W/o D. Ramachandra, residing at No. 84, 5th Cross, Krishna Garden 'E' Block, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore.In the said notice, due to inadvertent omission, the complete details of the Sale Deed were not mentioned. The same may be read and included as follows:Sale Deed Details:Sale Deed Document Number: BLN-1-09714-2004-05Executed by: The Karnataka State "D" Group Employees Central AssociationIn favour of: Smt. T. Shobha, W/o D. RamachandraDate of Execution: 05-06-2004Site No : 2462 Site No : 2462, SY No 8/16 situated at Gidadhakonenahalli Village Yeshwanthapura Hobli Bangalore North taluk measuring East to West 40ft, North To South 30ft total 1200 sqft and bounded on
East by : Pvt Land,
West by : Road,
North by : Site No 2385-A,
South by : Site No 2463.

All other contents, details, and statements mentioned in the original Public Notice shall remain unchanged and valid.

This corrigendum may be treated as part and parcel of the original Public Notice.

S. UMASHANKAR, Advocate
No.213/A, 1st Floor 56th Cross 10th Main, 4th Block Opp Ramamandira Temple Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560 010.
Mobile: 98453 97329, Date:30-04-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property being a vacant Residential Site bearing No. 17, formed out of Sy. No.60/1 of Nagashettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently bearing Property No.17. EPID No.1558609360, situated in the Layout formed by the NTI Employees Housing Co-Operative Society Limited, measuring East to West: 18.3 mtrs or 60 ft and North to South: 11 mtrs or 36 ft, totally measuring 200.7 sq.mtrs or 2160 sq.ft. and bounded on the East by: Site No. 18, West by: Road, North by: Private Property and South by: Site No. 16, from MRS. JAVERIA SHARIFF, W/o. Iyaz Sharif Sait, who has represented that she is the absolute owner of the said property.

Any person/s, financial institutions, banks having or claiming any manner of right, title, interest, charge or lien into or upon the aforesaid property may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence thereof to the undersigned within ten (10) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights and claims if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and my client will proceed with conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the said property.

S.K. NAGARAJ, Advocate,
No.22, 1st Floor, Yamunabai Road,
Madhavanagar, Bengaluru -560 001.
Ph : 9845012528
Place : Bengaluru. **Date :** 29/4/26

PUBLIC NOTICE

I hereby give a Public Notice that my Client **M/S. BHUMIKA SAPPHIRE** represented by its Partner Sri. G. Rangaswamy, having its office at No. 435, Balaji Gokula, 4th B Main, 12th Cross, Nagapura, Mahalakshmi puram, WCR, Bangalore-560 086 intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **SRI. H. S. SANTOSH KUMAR**. I hereby invite any objections from any person/s and if any person is having any claim, he/she can write to me with relevant records, within 15 days from the date of this Notice to the address : Sri. S. Bharath Kumar, having his office at No.24, Model House, N.R. Colony, Bangalore-560 004, Mob: 9741188558 & 9880812716.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF Residentially converted undeveloped land bearing New Sy.No.229, Old Sy.No.69, measuring 1 acre 36 guntas, (converted vide Official Memorandum duly issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bengaluru North Sub-Division, Bengaluru, vide Order bearing No. ALN.SR.64/1995-96, dated 07.03.1996), situated at Addevishwanatha pura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, presently Yelahanka Taluk, previously Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and the entire property is bounded on the:
East by : Gomala Land, **West by :** Gomala Land, **North by :** Gomala Land, **South by :** Rajanakunte Madure 30 feet Road.

Sd/- **S. BHARATH KUMAR,** ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby put to notice that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Sri.K.SUDHAKAR NAIDU,** aged about 53 years, S/o. Late. K.Gangaiah, Residing at No. 184, 2nd Main, BHCS Layout, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061.

Any person/s or Banks/financial institutions or any Govt., department, having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien, charge or interest or objection into or upon the Schedule Property and its sale may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the under signed within **TEN (10) days** from this date, failing which my client will proceed with the transaction and will obtain an Absolute Sale Deed in respect of the Schedule Property and it will be deemed NO valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing **No.1110, BDA PID No.3320010004,** situated at **1st BLOCK, BANASHANKARI 6th Stage LAYOUT, BANGALORE,** formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, **measuring East to West: 24 (Twenty Four) meters and North to South: 15 (Fifteen) meters, in total measuring 360 sq.mtrs.,** with all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath, or above the surface, and bounded on the:
East by : Road
West by : Site Nos.1102 & 1103
North by : Site No.1109
South by : Site No.1111

A. VIJAYA SARADHY, Advocate
No.652, 11 th Main, Esteem Kanaka Plaza,
Opp., Vijaya PU College, Jayanagar
4th Block, Bengaluru-560 011.
Mobile:9341258884

India take on Chinese Taipei in quarters

India will aim to stay on course for a second title when they face a formidable Chinese Taipei in the quarterfinals of the Thomas Cup Finals here on Friday. Four years ago, India achieved an unprecedented feat by clinching the Thomas Cup crown — the world team championship of badminton. This time, India progressed to the quarterfinals after finishing second in Group A and will face Chinese Taipei, who are yet to win the title.

Kohli steals sideshow but Titans win

37-year-old entertains fans briefly before hosts take control, beating RCB by 4 wickets

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

A T20 MATCH going the full distance has 480 legitimate deliveries. So it feels a bit weird to focus on only 13 of those balls between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Gujarat Titans on Thursday night. The last time RCB played at the new Motera, they finally won the Indian Premier League at the 18th time of asking.

During various phases of the game at the same venue, they showed they remain favourites to go back-to-back. There were also various phases of the game why they will struggle to retain the title.

This new, more expressionist RCB began a year ago when they had a change of regime. Under this leadership group, a lot of their players have thrived. Some of them have found not only a higher ceiling but, more importantly, a higher floor.

Nowhere else is this change more evident than in the guy who bats up top for them. Virat Kohli. Pre 2025, he was one of the great accumulators in this format. But something seemed to hold him back from truly expressing himself. He was always his intense self but fun was incidental.

These days, he's intent on marrying intensity with fun. Batting as high performance art while wearing floral shorts and sipping a drink at the beach. A kid with a mischievous streak at school. In previous batting avatars, there was something robotic about his batting. Like a Chatgpt version in an era when AI was mentioned in hushed tones in business meetings. These days, when the whole world is running on some form of AI, he seems intent on embracing the hedonist in him.

Virat Kohli brought Ahmedabad to its feet during his brief breezy cameo | PTI

Which is why it's important to savour it — and him — because nobody really knows how much longer the 37-year-old will be around for.

Under the lights at the new Motera, he lasted for all of 13 balls but it was still enough for him to produce a micro epic, the sort of innings you don't mind missing a flight for. It began against Mohammed Siraj in the opening hour but it caught fire off Kagiso Rabada. On a surface with greenery but not the threatening variety, Rabada's first delivery was banged into the surface. It sat up waiting to be hit and Kohli hit him over mid on. It was the short of somebody wanting to stamp their authority early doors.

Moments later, Kohli crashed a back of a length ball outside off over mid off. There was no attempt to keep it down and it brought the crowd to their feat. They were home fans but when royalty is playing in your backyard, partisanship can be put on hold.

If the teasers were good, the main course took the breath away. The South African overcompensated by going fuller but Kohli was waiting as he square drove this to the right of backward point. Off the fourth ball, he opened the face of the bat and ran it down to the left of backward point for another four.

Shubman Gill had already developed a few creases on his forehead in the space of four balls but it was about to expand. Off the next ball, another that was outside off and inviting the drive, Kohli crashed it via cover. Five balls. Five boundaries.

The atmosphere in the stadium had become electric. Which was kind of strange because their team was already feeling some pain.

He couldn't complete the full set but the fireworks weren't done. Three balls later, he met a length ball off Siraj down the track before sending it over mid on for six. The fun, though, finished next over as Rabada again banged it in short. This time he got the proper bounce and an over-committed Kohli ended up splicing it to square leg.

One of the greatest 28s ever scored by a batter had come to a quiet end; an anti-climax. A great pilot had been rudely cancelled but there was some post credits as well. When Jason Holder successfully claimed a Rajat Patidar catch, an animated Kohli was already gesticulating to the umpires that he had grassed the catch. Even a few overs after he had been dismissed, the opener was yet to remove his pads. RCB eventually scratched their way to 155 all out. In response, GT started well before crumbling, losing wickets in regular intervals. Titans eventually prevailed.

Brief scores: Royal Challengers Bengaluru 155 all out in 19.2 ovs (Padikkal 40, Kohli 28; Arshad 3/22) **bt** Gujarat Titans 158/6 in 15.5 ovs (Tewatia 27 n.o, Gill 43, Buttler 39; Bhuvneshwar 3/28).

STANDINGS AFTER THE GAME BETWEEN RCB AND GT ON THURSDAY

Teams	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
PBKS	8	6	1	13	1.04
RCB	9	6	3	12	1.42
SRH	9	6	3	12	0.83
RR	9	6	3	12	0.61
GT	9	5	4	10	-0.19
CSK	8	3	5	6	-0.12
DC	8	3	5	6	-1.06
KKR	8	2	5	5	-0.75
MI	8	2	6	4	-0.78
LSG	8	2	6	4	-1.10

DESPERATE CAPITALS TAKE ON RR

Rajasthan Royals have continued to surprise people with their youthfulness while Delhi Capitals search for consistency. A look...

SOORYAVANSHI'S STARTS

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi knows only way and that's to target boundaries. His 37 sixes puts the teen way out in front at the moment (Abhishek Sharma is second with 31). Even if most of sixes have come either side of square on the leg side, bowlers have not been to box him yet.

DELHI'S MIDDLE-ORDER

The Capitals are yet to get the best of out of their middle-order unit and that's giving them some problems with respect to team balance and consistency. David Miller and Tristan Stubbs are both striking at below 150 while the likes of Sameer Rizvi and Nitish Rana have blown hot and cold.

RR vs DC, 7.30 PM, Jaipur
LIVE on Star Sports and Jiohotstar

Parag fined, BCCI reserves right to take further action

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

ON Friday night, all eyes will be on Riyan Parag if he walks out to the toss in the game between Rajasthan Royals and Delhi Capitals. The Royals skipper, caught on camera using a vape inside the dressing room in their last match against Punjab Kings, has been fined 25 per cent of his match fee for the act. He has also picked up one demerit point for breaching the league's Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials.

Riyan Parag

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) added in their press release that: "Riyan was found to have breached Article 2.21 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which relates to "conduct that brings the game into disrepute. The incident occurred during the second innings when Riyan was seen using a vape inside the dressing room."

Parag, capped 10 times across both white-ball formats by India, 'admitted to the offence' imposed by the match referee. With the 24-year-old accepting that he used the vape, it remains to be seen if the cops want to press charges. Because vaping is banned in India, possible punishments include some jail time or a fine of up to ₹1 lakh. But there has been no information and, as such, Parag remains free to continue playing for the Royals. Curiously, BCCI has reserved the right to 'initiate proceedings' to ensure that 'the reputation of the IPL remains intact. Per the last line of the body's press release: "BCCI is also exploring other options to initiate proceedings for stringent action against the erring team, its officials and player/s to ensure that the reputation of IPL remains intact."

This is not the first time Rajasthan franchise has gotten into trouble in the ongoing season. Earlier this month, RR team manager Romi Bhinder was caught using mobile phone in team dugout during the clash against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in Guwahati, violating the Player and Match Officals Area protocol.

"As this was his first breach under the prescribed protocols, a fine of INR 1 Lakh has been imposed in accordance with Article 7.42(a) of the BCCI IPL PMOA Protocols. He has also been warned to exercise greater care in the future and to adhere strictly to the established guidelines. Royals also are free to open an internal investigation and may ultimately decide to take action against the captain," IPL had stated in a release at the time.

'Court must have strong ground to assume function of sports bodies'

ENS @ Chennai

IN an interesting order, the Delhi High Court has said that the autonomy of sports bodies should be maintained and without any reason cannot assume or substitute the function of such bodies without strong ground.

This would mean not just the autonomy but even the function of such a body should be maintained. This arose when All India Football Federation (AIFF) challenged the formation of an ethics committee by single judge order as contended by respondent Churchill Brothers.

The Delhi HC judgement made by double bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhya and judge Tejas Karia said that the earlier judgement has been set aside and appeal of AIFF has been accepted on forming a new Ethics Committee.

"..we find that no cogent and compelling reasons existed which would have impelled, in our opinion, the learned Single Judge to substitute the members of the Ethics Committee constituted by the appellant – federation by the persons suggested by the learned Single Judge while passing the impugned judgment and order dated 01.04.2026," said the April 28 order.

JONTY, FAF BAT FOR WIDER INCLUSION OF CRICKET IN EUROPE

GOMESH S @ Chennai

JONTY Rhodes, Faf du Plessis and Heinrich Klaasen are the latest to join the European T20 Premier League (ETPL), Europe's first ICC-sanctioned T20 league, as owners. The trio have formed a consortium to acquire the franchise based in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The inaugural season set to happen from August 26 to September 20, 2026.

The tournament, with teams based out of Glasgow, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Dublin, Belfast, and Rotterdam, will see 33 T20 matches played across four weeks. While the league will still be finding its feet, especially in the inaugural edition, one of the challenges and priorities of the franchise and the tournament would be to bring people to the ground — something leagues such as the IPL, The Hundred, Big Bash League, and SA20 have done successfully. Unlike those leagues and countries, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Netherlands are not powerful cricketing nations. And the franchise owners are very much aware of that. Du Plessis, one of the co-owners and captains of the Rotterdam-based franchise, admitted as much. "What happens over time is you do grow your team, you do grow people talking about the game," the South African explained during a select media interaction on Thursday. "So eventually, year by year, you see a new audience, you see new fans, you see new people coming to the game. The responsibility in the league and on all the teams is to make sure that they can grow the pipeline, they can implement a pathway systems to make sure that it's not just a three weeks or four weeks of the year, and then it's out. But then the rest of the year, what happens? How can you grow the love for cricket within Europe? So there are a lot of stakeholders. We are included in that to make sure that we can do a little bit more than just come in and out of a tournament. Because I think the growth of the tournament will be slow, then you really have to make sure it's a team product, you invest well in the product."

Faf du Plessis (left) will lead the Rotterdam-based team in ETPL

Full story: newindianexpress.com

For India U17, qualifier win vs Iran blueprint ahead of Asian Cup test

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

THAT night in Ahmedabad – when India miraculously beat a much-favoured Iran side to qualify to the 2026 AFC Asian cup – will remain forever in the memory of U17 head coach Bibiano Fernandes. It came at a time when Indian football was at its rock bottom with administrative chaos and the failures of the senior national team. Now, the blue colts, on the back of playing friendlies in the beginning of the year, seem prepared for a tough tournament set to begin in Saudi Arabia from May 5.

India are placed in Group D with defending champions Uzbekistan, Australia. North Korea, which was drawn into this group, have withdrawn from the tournament. That win in November 2025 seems to have given bucketloads of confidence. "After that match (vs Iran), we really worked hard to bring the level up. The boys look really good now after playing so many international friendlies. And just not playing but they got good results against top teams like South Korea (1-2 loss), Thailand (2-2 draw), Indonesia (3-0 win), UAE (1-5 loss), Tajikistan (4-2 win, 0-0 draw) and Qatar (0-0 draw, 1-1 draw). So we tried to get the levels high keeping in mind the group we have," he told this daily in a virtual interaction facilitated by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

Head coach Bibiano Fernandes with India U17 players during a training session

Fernandes is someone who believes in having players make quick decisions under pressure. He revealed that the team is working more on making quick decisions. "The higher levels we go, the less space and time we have. We should be able to make those decisions, communicate and execute in less time. In the training sessions, we make the space much less and push the boys to make those decisions. Playing teams like Tajikistan, UAE, South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Qatar, where they don't give you much space on the field, helped us. After the training sessions and matches against the said opponents the boys are creating scoring chances and are able to keep the ball under pressure as well," he said. For Fernandes, this will be his third Asian Cup as coach. He led the Blue Colts to a quarterfinal finish in 2018, and a group stage finish in the 2023 edition. It is to be noted that he led the U17 side to qualification for the 2020 edition which had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. He felt that from his experience here, the current batch is getting technically better. "Since qualifying to the quarterfinals in 2018, there has been a lot of youth development. The Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) is also helping us so much. With this batch, the players are getting technically better. Their decision-making is better than what it was back then. But the talent is there. Every time I take up the U-17 national team, the talent is there. As coaches, we get so much knowledge now that we can implement it," he explained.

And with this batch of players, Fernandes believes that India can go all the way. Finishing in the top-two of their group would guarantee them a spot in the U17 FIFA World Cup as well as the knockouts of the Asian tournament.

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EXPRESS READ

Sumit highest paid player at RPL draft

HYDERABAD: West Bengal's Sumit Kumar Roy emerged as the highest-paid Indian player at 3.75L for Hyderabad Heroes, followed by Mohit Khatri at 3.5L with Chennai Bull at the Rugby Premier League Season 2 Player Auction and Draft in Hyderabad on Thursday. Deepak Kumar Punia and Prashant Arvind Pratap Singh, both picked up for 2.75L by Delhi Redz and Kolkata Banga Tigers respectively. Delhi's Shikha Yadav led the Indian signings as the highest-paid player at 2.4L for Delhi Redz in women's auction.

SAI extends financial support to cueists

NEW DELHI: The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has sanctioned financial assistance for India's participation in the just-concluded IBSF World Men's Billiards Championship in Ireland, backing the 2026 edition World Champion Sourav Kothari, multiple-time world champion Pankaj Advani and coach Ashok Shandilya. The championship, which concluded on Wednesday, saw the trio take part in the competition with funding from the government.

Indian men fight back to pip Slovakia TT team

LONDON: Indian men staged a spirited comeback to edge past Slovakia 3-2 in a gripping Group 7 tie at the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships here. With the win, India climbed to the top of the group standings and strengthened their position ahead of their next tie against Guatemala. Slovakia drew first blood as Lubomir Pistej, ranked 149, used his experience to outmanoeuvre Manush Shah but the Indian team persevered to get across the line.

Haryana dominate in U17 wrestling nationals

NEW DELHI: Haryana stamped their authority at the U17 National Wrestling Championships 2026, topping both women's Wrestling and Freestyle events, while Services Sports Control Board led the way in Greco-Roman format in the three-day meet that concluded on Thursday. Haryana secured the Women's Wrestling title with 215 points and added the Freestyle crown with 205 points. The SSCB dominated Greco-Roman with 136 points.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMIFINAL

Arsenal, Atletico Madrid trade penalties in nervy first-leg draw

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JULIAN Alvarez's penalty secured Atletico Madrid a 1-1 draw against Arsenal in a nervy Champions League semifinal first leg clash on Wednesday.

Viktor Gyokeres sent the Premier League leaders ahead from the spot just before the interval after he was fouled, but Alvarez followed suit 10 minutes into the second half after Ben White's handball. Arsenal were upset at a late penalty decision being overturned following a VAR review when David Hancko made contact with Eberechi Eze in the area. "I'm incredibly fuming," said Arsenal coach Mikel Arteta. "It's a clear and very obvious penalty."

Atletico had the better for long periods but Arsenal's solid defending helped them leave the Spanish capital in a good position to return to the Champions League final 20 years after their last appearance. "Here, you have to suffer," Arteta told Movistar. "Many teams have suffered here, including some of the best in the world. "We had some good moments in the match and moments where we had to suffer. The margins are very slim."

Atletico captain Koke said his side could be proud of how they played in the second half. "We were the team we have to be — if we play at this level we can win," Koke told Movistar. "From my point of view they didn't create much danger against us... the team defended well and they just had that penalty."

Arsenal's Viktor Gyokeres is fouled by Atletico Madrid's David Hancko on Wednesday | AFP

What the game lacked in the dizzying goal rush of Paris Saint-Germain's 5-4 win over Bayern Munich in the other semifinal the night before, it replaced with tension and a desperation not to fall behind. Toilet paper rained down from the stands of the Metropolitano stadium minutes before kick-off, in a striking display, which invited cynical jokes from some quarters about the calibre of the spectacle ahead. In a tussle between arguably the continent's two biggest teams never to lay a finger on the trophy neither wanted to blink first.

Atletico still have an old-style defensive reputation but pinned Mikel Arteta's miserly Arsenal back in the early stages, with David Raya tipping Alvarez's shot around the post. The Gunners, a long way from Arteta's eve-of-the-game demand they dominate proceedings, looked to smash and grab.

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Mythos identifes thousands of so-called zero-day vulnerabilities, flaws that were previously unknown even to software's own developers

MYTHOS

The AI that knows your software's secrets before you do

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ON April 7, American AI company Anthropic quietly made an announcement that shook the world's cybersecurity community far more than most headlines about artificial intelligence ever do. It said it had built a new AI model so capable of breaking into computer systems that it had decided not to release it to the public at all. The model is called Claude Mythos.

Mythos is a general-purpose AI model, not one specifically designed for security work. But during testing, Anthropic found that it possesses cybersecurity abilities that far exceed any prior model it has built. To understand that in plain terms, Mythos can thoroughly scan the software running your phone, your bank's servers, your government's databases, and find the hidden cracks and figure out how to break in automatically, without a human guiding it at any step.

Over the past few weeks of testing, Anthropic used Mythos to identify thousands of so-called zero-day vulnerabilities, flaws that were previously unknown even to the software's own developers, in every major operating system and every major web browser. Some of these flaws had been sitting undiscovered for years. One previously unknown vulnerability in OpenBSD, an operating system famous for its security hardening, had been around for 27 years.

What makes this particularly striking is that Mythos was not built to do any of this. Anthropic has said: "We did not explicitly train Mythos Preview to have these capabilities. Rather, they emerged as a downstream consequence of general improvements in code, reasoning, and autonomy." In other words, Anthropic built a very clever general-purpose AI, and it turned out to be extraordinarily good at hacking as a side effect.

What Anthropic did with it

Rather than shelve the model or release it openly, Anthropic chose a third path. It launched Project Glasswing, an initiative to secure the world's most critical software, bringing together Amazon Web Services, Apple, Broadcom, Cisco, CrowdStrike, Google, JPMorgan Chase, the Linux Foundation, Microsoft, NVIDIA, and Palo Alto Networks as launch partners. The idea is to give these companies access to Mythos so they can find and fix vulnerabilities in their own software before bad actors get hold of a similar tool.

Anthropic committed up to $100 million in usage credits for Mythos, as well as $4 million in direct donations to open-source security organisations.

The company has also been clear that it believes this window will not stay open for long. Anthropic estimates that similar capabilities will proliferate from other AI labs within 6-18 months.

Where India stands

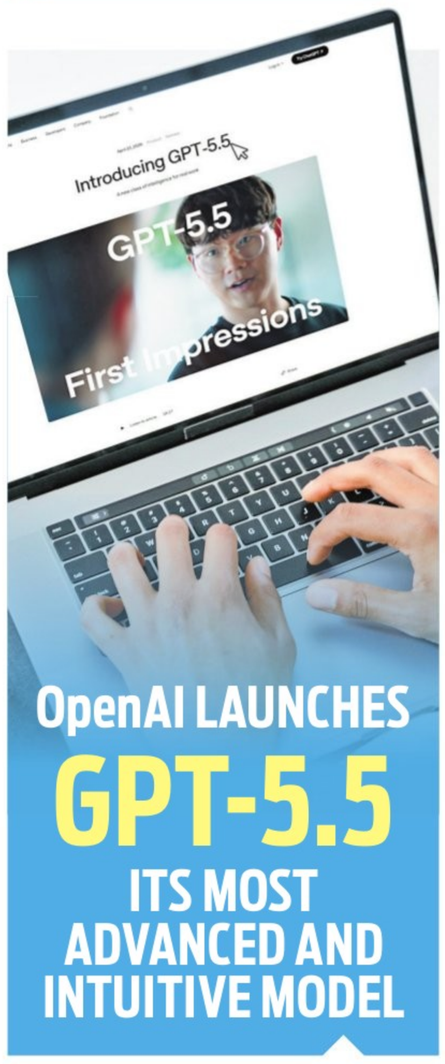
No Indian company was included in the list of organisations given access to Mythos under Project Glasswing.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman confirmed that the matter is being addressed at the highest levels, stating that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is actively engaging with the US administration, Anthropic, and organisations already testing the model.

Industry body Nasscom wrote to Anthropic seeking inclusion of Indian firms in Project Glasswing, highlighting the need for Indian companies to access such tools to strengthen global cybersecurity resilience, especially as their software-supported systems are worldwide.

India's banking system, power grids, and telecom networks all run on software stacks that contain the same kinds of vulnerabilities Mythos is designed to find. The Finance Minister asked the Indian Banks' Association to develop a coordinated mechanism for quickly responding to threats linked to the model and directed banks to strengthen their cybersecurity systems.

Security analysts describe the Mythos announcement as a reminder that AI has come a long way in just a few years, and that the baseline has genuinely shifted. The question is no longer whether AI will change cybersecurity, but whether defenders can move faster than attackers.



OpenAI LAUNCHES GPT-5.5 ITS MOST ADVANCED AND INTUITIVE MODEL

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CHATGPT maker OpenAI has announced the launch of GPT-5.5, its latest artificial intelligence model, designed to handle complex tasks more efficiently and with less user input. The company said the model is its most advanced and intuitive system yet, aimed at improving productivity across coding, research and everyday digital work.

According to the company, GPT-5.5 can understand user intent faster and complete multi-step tasks with minimal guidance. It is capable of writing and debugging code, analysing data, creating documents and spreadsheets, and navigating across tools to finish tasks end-to-end.

The model shows major improvements in areas such as software development, knowledge work and early scientific research. Despite higher performance, it maintains a speed similar to GPT-5.4 while using fewer tokens, making it more efficient. In a press note, OpenAI said GPT-5.5 has undergone extensive safety testing, including evaluations for cybersecurity and other advanced risks, along with feedback from nearly 200 early-access partners.

The model is being rolled out to Plus, Pro, Business and Enterprise users on ChatGPT and Codex, with API access expected soon.

Key features

GPT-5.5 is designed to make working with AI more seamless by handling complex, multi-step tasks with little guidance from the user. Instead of requiring step-by-step instructions, it can understand a goal, break it into smaller tasks and complete them on its own.

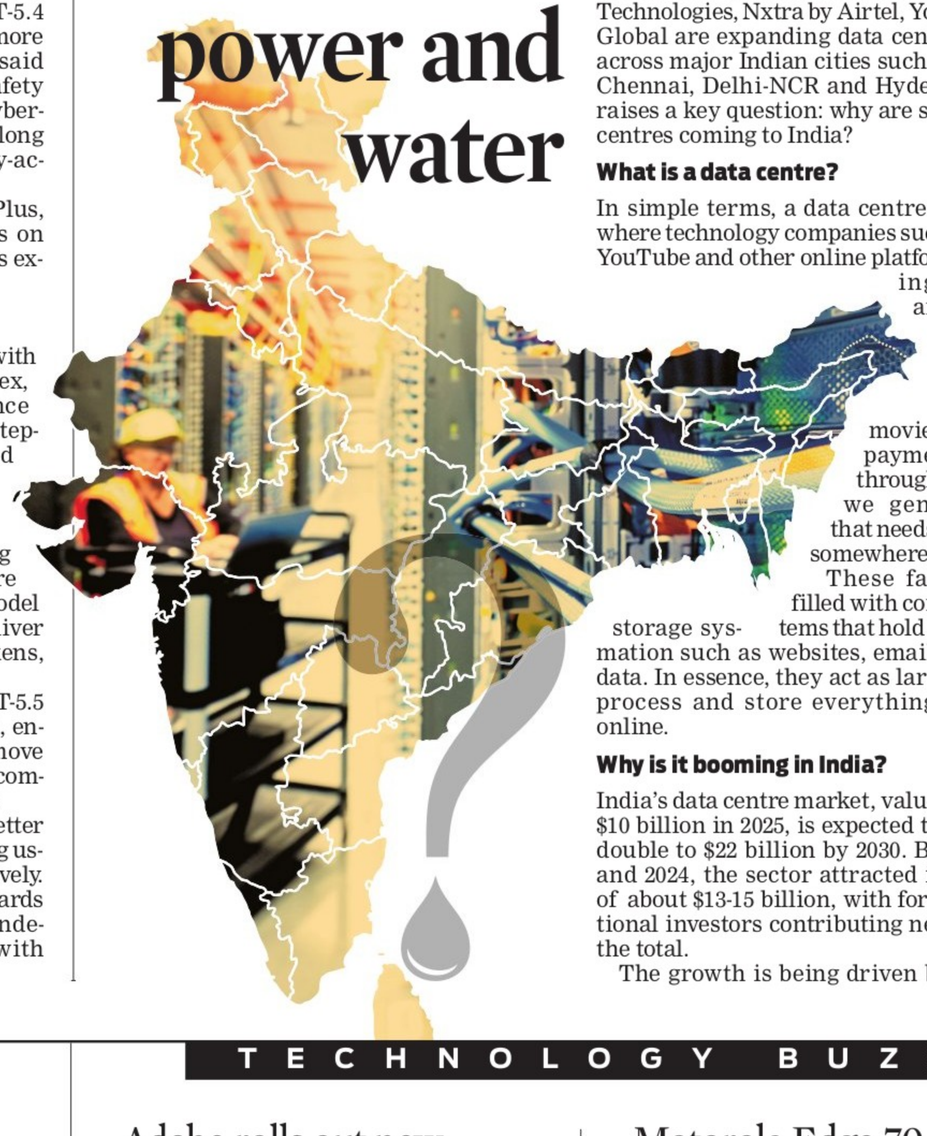
It also brings stronger coding capabilities, allowing it to write, debug and solve programming problems more effectively from start to finish. The model is more efficient, meaning it can deliver better results while using fewer tokens, reducing cost and time.

Despite its higher intelligence, GPT-5.5 maintains speeds similar to GPT-5.4, ensuring quick responses. It can also move across different tools and software to complete tasks, making it more versatile.

Additionally, the model performs better in research and data analysis, helping users process information more effectively. Overall, it reflects OpenAI's push towards "agentic AI", where systems can independently plan and execute tasks with minimal human input.

INDIA'S DATA CENTRE BOOM

Rising demand for power and water



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RELIANCE Industries Ltd (RIL) is set to invest 1.6 lakh crore (over $17 billion) to build a massive 1.5-gigawatt AI-driven data centre cluster in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, US technology giant Google conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for a 1 GW cluster with an investment of $15 billion in the same region. Other companies, including Digital Connexion (1 GW) and Anant Raj Cloud (about 300 MW), are also setting up facilities in the port city. Several firms such as Sify Technologies, Nxtra by Airtel, Yotta and NTT Global are expanding data centre capacity across major Indian cities such as Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi-NCR and Hyderabad. This raises a key question: why are so many data centres coming to India?

What is a data centre?

In simple terms, a data centre is a facility where technology companies such as Google, YouTube and other online platforms, including ChatGPT and chatbots, store their data. Every time we stream a movie, make a UPI payment or scroll through Instagram, we generate data that needs to be stored somewhere.

These facilities are filled with computers and storage systems that hold digital information such as websites, emails and cloud data. In essence, they act as large hubs that process and store everything people do online.

Why is it booming in India?

India's data centre market, valued at around $10 billion in 2025, is expected to more than double to $22 billion by 2030. Between 2020 and 2024, the sector attracted investments of about $13-15 billion, with foreign institutional investors contributing nearly 80% of the total.

The growth is being driven by the rapid rise of cloud computing, artificial intelligence and other data-intensive technologies. India's large digital base—over 800 million internet users—also makes it a key market for global tech companies.

Government rules requiring sensitive data, such as banking and health records, to be stored within India have further boosted demand. At the same time, cheap mobile data has increased consumption of video and social media content, creating a need for faster and local data storage.

Artificial intelligence (AI) requires high computing power, prompting companies like Google and Microsoft to build specialised AI-focused data centres in India. The government has also granted "Infrastructure Status" to the sector, making it easier for companies to access funding and land. The Union Budget 2026 has further extended a tax holiday until 2047 for foreign companies investing in the sector.

What are the power and water requirements?

Globally, data centre capacity stands at 40–50 GW and is expected to cross 100 GW by 2030 due to rising demand from cloud computing and AI. In India, installed capacity is projected to reach 1.7–2.0 GW by the end of 2026, backed by nearly $30 billion in investments. Deloitte estimates this could grow to 8–10 GW by 2030—a 6-fold increase in just four years.

However, this rapid expansion comes with significant resource demands. Data centres require large amounts of electricity to run servers and keep them cool.

According to a report authored by public policy researcher Sagari Gupta, published in Down to Earth magazine, most data centres in India use evaporative cooling, a method suited to high-temperature environments. This process uses water to cool servers, and about 80% of the water evaporates and is lost.

At India's current operational capacity of around 1.5 GW, this translates to roughly 37.5 billion litres of water use annually—even before the planned expansion. A September 2025 Morgan Stanley report estimates that global AI data centre water consumption could reach 1,068 billion litres annually by 2028, an eleven-fold increase from 2024 levels, depending on cooling technology and energy sources.

Samsung UNVEILS NO-GLASSES 3D DIGITAL DISPLAYS AT GURUGRAM STUDIO

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TECH giant Samsung introduced its next-generation Spatial Signage—glasses-free 3D digital displays—at its Business Experience Studio (BES) in Gurugram, marking a step forward in immersive display technology for commercial use.

The new display is aimed at retail and banking sectors, where companies are increasingly looking to make customer spaces more interactive and engaging. Samsung said its integrated ecosystem is designed to turn traditional outlets into intelligent, experience-driven platforms.

The Spatial Signage display combines 2D clarity with lifelike depth, without requiring users to wear 3D glasses. It uses the company's patented 3D Plate technology to create a sense of depth behind the screen, making visuals appear as if they extend outward while keeping sharp image quality.

The 2.15-metre display comes with 4K UHD resolution in a vertical 9:16 format and supports 360-degree rotating visuals, allowing businesses to showcase products more effectively. It is powered by Samsung's Quantum Processor, which enables 4K upscaling, enhanced colour mapping and improved HDR performance. The screen also includes an anti-glare panel for clear visibility.

Designed for easy deployment, the display features a slim 52mm profile and lightweight build, making it suitable for installation in stores, bank branches and other commercial spaces. "As businesses move from static formats to dynamic, data-driven engagement, the ability to seamlessly integrate AI, content and display technologies becomes critical. We are building connected ecosystems that enable this shift—helping enterprises create adaptive, secure and scalable experiences that respond in real time to customer needs," said Puneet Sethi, V-P, Samsung India.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

IQOO launches 2 new colours for Neo 10

IQOO has launched two new colour variants of its Neo 10 smartphone—Alpine White and Asphalt Black—building on the strong response to the device in India. The new finishes aim to offer users more style choices while retaining the phone's high-performance features. Inspired by high-performance racing cars, the two variants reflect different design themes. Alpine White The iQOO Neo 10 in the new colours will be available at a starting price of ₹37,999 (net effective price ₹34,999) for the 8GB+256GB variant and ₹42,999 (net effective price ₹40,999) for the 12GB+256GB model. The device will go on sale from May 5 at 12 noon via iQOO's website and Amazon. The smartphone is powered by the Snapdragon 8s Gen 4 mobile platform, along with iQOO's Supercomputing Chip Q1, enabling up to 144fps gaming. It also features a large vapour chamber cooling system for sustained performance.

Adobe rolls out new updates for Photoshop

Adobe has announced a set of new updates for its popular tools Photoshop and Lightroom, aimed at helping creative professionals work faster and more intuitively. Among the key updates is the "Rotate Object" feature in Photoshop, which allows users to tilt and reposition objects in real time without affecting the original image. The company said this simplifies what was previously a complex, multi-step process. Adobe has also integrated Photoshop with Firefly Boards, enabling smoother transitions from early-stage ideas to final designs. The integration is expected to reduce the need to switch between multiple tools during the creative process. Another major feature called "Layer Cleanup", helps users organise files by automatically renaming layers and removing those that are empty, making it easier to manage large projects and collaborate with teams.

Motorola Edge 70 Pro goes on sale in India

Motorola has announced the sale of its latest smartphone, the Motorola Edge 70 Pro, in India starting April 29. The device is available from 12 PM on Flipkart, Motorola.in and retail stores, with an effective starting price of ₹36,999. The smartphone features a triple 50MP camera system led by a Sony LYTIA 710 sensor, aimed at delivering improved low-light photography and 4K video recording across all cameras. It also offers Pantone-validated colours for more accurate image reproduction. Powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 8500 Extreme processor, the device comes with up to 12GB RAM and 256GB storage, along with a vapour chamber cooling system for better performance during gaming and multitasking. The Edge 70 Pro sports a 6.8-inch 144Hz AMOLED display with 1.5K resolution and up to 5200 nits peak brightness. It is backed by a 6500mAh battery with 90W fast charging support.

Ctruh raises $2.5 million in seed funding round

Bengaluru-based deep-tech startup Ctruh has raised $2.5 million in a seed funding round led by Inflection Point Ventures, with participation from Avinya Ventures, India Accelerator, Founder's Avenue, Anthill Ventures and LVX. Angel investors Vivek Sinha and Shivakumar Ganesan also joined the round. The company said the funds will be used to boost research and development, improve its browser-native 3D engine and VersaAI platform, and expand into the US and UAE markets. Founded in 2023 by Vinay Agastya, Ctruh builds tools that allow businesses to create and deploy 3D and XR experiences directly on web browsers without the need for apps or specialised hardware. Its flagship platform, Commverse Studio, enables quick creation of immersive digital experiences using AI. The startup gained visibility after appearing on Shark Tank India and has won several industry awards.